

TO FOLLOW RATIFICATION

Disclaimer of Responsibility For the
Algeiras Treaty.

UNCLE SAM'S ROLE DEFINED

Cabinet Nominations Held Up Pending Further Investigation — Smoot Case Discussed in the Senate. President's Special Message on Porto Rico.

Washington, Dec. 12. — When the Algeiras treaty in relation to Moroccan affairs is taken up in the senate there will be offered a resolution to follow the resolution of ratification which will recite that the United States participates in the agreement merely for the promotion of its trade interests and the protection of its citizens, and to aid in the effort to preserve peace between some of the parties to the Moroccan treaty of 1889. It will declare further that while becoming a party to the treaty for these purposes, it is not the intention of this country to depart from the traditional policy which prohibits participation in political affairs of Europe which do not concern America. The disclaimer of responsibility for the Algeiras treaty was drafted by Senators Spooner, Lodge and Bacon as a result of an argument by Senator Bacon.

The nomination of W. H. Moody to be associate justice of supreme court of United States was again taken up in the senate, but because of renewed inquiries by Democratic senators, this time relating to actions by him as a member of the house of representatives, it went over. Senators Carmack and Culberson commented on a story that Mr. Moody as a member of the house had been active in trying to have passed a bill that would reduce the representation of the southern states. The nominations of George B. Cortelyou to be secretary of the treasury and James R. Garfield to be secretary of the interior are held up in committee, the members insisting on learning from President Roosevelt when Secretaries Shaw and Hitchcock intend to retire.

Senator Reed Smoot's right to a seat as United States senator from Utah was discussed by Senator Burrows in the senate for more than three hours. Senator Smoot occupied his place in the chamber. No interruptions were made during the entire speech, which was an arraignment of Mormonism and the responsibility which attached to Mr. Smoot for Mormon principles as a member of the apostolic body of the church.

The president's message giving the result of his recent observations in Porto Rico and making recommendations concerning the government of that island was delivered to the senate. It was read at length and received careful attention. The message was as follows:

Nov. 21 I visited the island of Porto Rico, landing at Ponce, crossing by the old Spanish road by Cayey to San Juan, and returning next morning over the new American road from Arecibo to Ponce; the scenery was beautiful, especially among the mountains of the interior, which constitutes a veritable island in Switzerland. I could not enter at San Juan because the harbor has not been dredged out and can not receive an American battleship. I do not think this fact creditable to us as a nation, and I earnestly hope the immediate provision be made to dredge San Juan harbor.

I doubt whether our people as a whole realize the beauty and fertility of Porto Rico, and the progress that has been made under its admirable government. We have just cause for pride in the character of our representatives who have administered the tropic islands which came under our flag as a result of the war with Spain; and of no one of them is this more true than of Porto Rico. It would be impossible to wish a more faithful, a more efficient, and a more interested public service than that now being rendered in Porto Rico by those in control of the insular government.

I stopped at a dozen towns all told, and one of the notable features in every town was the gathering of the school children. The work that has been done in Porto Rico for education has been noteworthy. The main emphasis, as is eminently wise and proper, has been upon primary education; but in addition to this there is a normal school, an agricultural school, three industrial and three high schools. Every effort is being made to secure not only the benefits of elementary education to all the Porto Ricans of the next generation, but also as far as means will permit to train them so that the industrial, agricultural and commercial opportunities of the island can be utilized to the best advantage.

I was very much struck by the excellent character both of the insular police and of the Porto Rican regiment. They are both of them bodies that reflect credit upon the American administration of the island. The insular police are under the local Porto Rican government. The Porto Rican government troops must be kept in the island, and it is wise that these troops should be themselves native Porto Ricans, would be from every standpoint a mistake not to perpetuate this regiment.

cupation. The total of exports and imports of the island was \$45,000,000, against \$13,000,000 in 1901. This is the largest in the island's history. Prior to the American occupation the greatest trade for any one year was that of 1896, when it reached nearly \$23,000,000. Last year, therefore, there was double the trade that there was in the most prosperous year under the Spanish regime. There were 210,273 tons of sugar exported last year, of the value of \$14,186,319; \$3,555,162 of tobacco, and 28,220,322 pounds of coffee of the value of \$3,481,102. Unfortunately, what used to be Porto Rico's prime crop—coffee—has not shared this prosperity. It has never recovered from the disaster of the hurricane, and moreover, the benefit of thorough open market to it has not compensated for the loss inflicted by the closing of the markets to it abroad. I earnestly hope that some measure will be taken for the benefit of the excellent and high grade Porto Rican coffee.

There is a matter to which I wish to call your special attention, and that is the desirability of conferring full American citizenship upon the people of Porto Rico. I most earnestly hope that this will be done. I believe that the only harm can possibly result from it, and it seems to me a matter of right and justice to the people of Porto Rico. They are loyal, they are glad to be under our flag, they are making rapid progress along the path of civilization. I believe we should show our appreciation of them, our pride in what they have done, and our pleasure in extending their recognition for what has been done, by granting them full American citizenship. Under the present administration of the present government and council, marked progress has been made in the difficult matter of granting to the people of the island the largest measure of self-government that can with safety be given over them possessed by the insular government being that of removing corrupt or incompetent municipal officials. This power has never been exercised save on the clearest proof of corruption or of incompetence, such as to jeopardize the interests of the people of the island; and under such circumstances it has been fearlessly used to the immense benefit of the people. It is not a power with which it would be safe, for the sake of the island itself, to dispense at present. The lower house is absolutely elective, while the upper house is appointive. This scheme is working well; no injustice of any kind results from it, and great benefit to the island, and it should not be changed at this time. The machinery of the elections is administered entirely by the Porto Rican people themselves, the governor and council keeping only such supervision as is necessary in order to insure an orderly election. Any protest as to electoral frauds is settled in the courts. Here again it would not be safe to make any change in the present system. The elections this year were absolutely orderly, unaccompanied by any disturbance, and no protest has been made against the management of the elections, although three contests are threatened where the majorities were very small and error was claimed; the contests, of course, to be settled in the courts. In short, the governor and council are co-operating with all of the most enlightened and most patriotic of the people of Porto Rico in educating the citizens of the island in the principles of orderly liberty. These are providing a government for the people of the island, and to the exercise of freedom the two basic principles of our American system; the principle that the majority must rule, and the principle that the minority has rights which must not be disregarded or trampled upon. Yet real progress has been made in having these principles accepted as elementary, as foundations of successful self-government.

All the insular governments should be placed in one bureau, either in the department of war or the department of state. It is a mistake not to so arrange our handling of these islands at Washington as to be able to take advantage of the experience gained in one, when dealing with the problems that from time to time arise in another.

In conclusion let me express my admiration for the work done by the congress when it enacted the law under which the island is now being administered. After seeing the island personally, and after five years' experience in connection with its administration, it is but fair to those who devised this law to say that it would be well-nigh impossible to have devised any other which in the actual working would have accomplished better results.

FOUND GUILTY

Was Vice President Burnham of the Mutual Reserve.

New York, Dec. 12.—George Burnham, Jr., a vice president and general counsel of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company, was convicted of larceny of \$7,500 of the company's funds. The prosecution and conviction of Burnham was an outgrowth of the investigation of insurance companies in this state by a legislative committee a year ago. Two other officers of the insurance company, Frederick A. Burnham, president, and George D. Eldridge, vice president, were indicted at the same time as the man who was convicted. Five indictments were returned against each of the defendants. The charge against George Burnham, Jr., is that in 1901 he paid J. Douglas Wells with company funds for a loan alleged to have been made to Frederick A. Burnham, the president, and that the payment was concealed by false entries in the books of the insurance company.

Bank Robber's Confession.

Great Bend, Kan., Dec. 12.—Joseph S. Kearns, the former dry goods clerk and newspaper man who was captured here last Saturday after robbing a Great Bend bank in broad daylight, has confessed to having robbed the Midland National bank at Newton, Kan., on the afternoon of Nov. 13, when he locked the clerks and customers, six in all, in the bank vault, and escaped with \$1,800.

Obstinacy is the mask under which weakness hides its lack of firmness.

Panlin.

AMAZEMENT AT VATICAN

Created by Expulsion of the Papal Envoy from France.

POPE CALMER THAN ADVISERS

French Premier Declares Rome May Have Peace by Submitting to the Law of 1881—Discusses Expulsion and Government's Position When Questioned in Chamber of Deputies.

Rome, Dec. 12.—The expulsion from France of Mgr. Montagnini, secretary of the papal nunciature at Paris, who has represented the vatican at the French capital since the recall of the nuncio, has caused not only astonishment, but consternation, at the vatican. According to vatican officials, this step is an evident proof that the French government wishes not only to strike at the church as a religious institution, but to represent it as an enemy of the republic.

Pope Pius spent the day reading telegrams and going over certain documents concerning the situation in France. With him at work is Cardinal Merry Del Val, the papal secretary of state.



POPE PIUS X.

Persons thoroughly familiar with vatican affairs declare that no such excitement and apprehension have prevailed at the vatican since the loss of temporal power. The pope is described as calmer than any member of his entourage.

According to reports received at the vatican the Catholics of France are divided into two classes, those who identify the interests of the church with their own political interests, using the church to further the anti-republican agitation, and those who think only of the interests of the church. The former are delighted at everything unconditionally papal and intransigent and the latter are grieved at a situation which makes it impossible to be good patriots and good Catholics at the same time.

PREMIER TALKS

About the Expulsion of the Papal Representative.

Paris, Dec. 12.—Premier Clemenceau, replying to a question in the chamber of deputies as to the reason for the expulsion of Mgr. Montagnini, the secretary of the papal nunciature, said it was because of his complicity with prominent clergymen of Paris, and after a five years' experience in connection with its administration, it is but fair to those who devised this law to say that it would be well-nigh impossible to have devised any other which in the actual working would have accomplished better results.

Receivers have been appointed everywhere to assume charge of the sequestered property, and three policemen will be stationed all day by the doors of all the churches to report violations of the law. The general tone of the press is one of strong opposition to the changed attitude of the vatican. Cardinal Richard's palace in Paris will be one of the first buildings to be taken by the government. It will probably be used by the ministry of labor.

National League Meeting.

New York, Dec. 12.—The National League of Baseball Clubs began its annual meeting here. The chief interest of the meeting centered on the election of a president, though the question was not taken up. President Harry C. Pulliam is a candidate for re-election, but is being strongly opposed by rival interests headed by John T. Brush of the New York club and Garry Herrmann of Cincinnati. James T. Hart, former owner and president of the Chicago club, was also spoken of as a possible candidate. The exchange of Ritchey, second baseman; Flaherty, pitcher, and one other player of the Pittsburgh club for Abbatichio, second baseman of the Boston club, was announced.

IN NEGROES' BEHALF.

Evidence Regarding Brownsville Affair Presented to President.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Gilchrist Stewart, representing the Constitutional league and 145 of the soldiers, and Rev. Dr. Charles S. Morris, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist church of New York city, are in Washington in the interest of the battalion of soldiers of the Twenty-fifth infantry, colored, who were discharged "without honor" as a result of the affair at Brownsville, Tex. Mr. Stewart has a large amount of evidence regarding the affair, which he presented to the president through Secretary Loeb. The president is preparing his answer to the senate resolution calling for information regarding the discharged soldiers. Mr. Stewart said the evidence he presented to the president embraces 172 affidavits; that they show that within five minutes after Major Penrose ordered the "call to arms" every man of the battalion answered the rollcall, and was under the direct supervision of the white officers, who verified the rollcall, making it impossible for substitutions; that all of the officers and men thought the firing was of mixed arms, and that the fort was being attacked by a certain element in the city which had threatened to drive the colored soldiers out of the city.

FROM ALLOTMENT

Land Ordered Withdrawn by Secretary of Interior.

Muskogee, I. T., Dec. 12.—More than two-thirds of the Choctaw nation and 26 townships in the Cherokee nation have been withdrawn from allotment by the orders of the secretary of the interior. The Choctaw land office and the land division of the Dawes commission are practically paralyzed on account of the orders. The land withdrawn in the Cherokee nation includes the Ozark and the Wauhatchie clubs and extends from the Arkansas line west to within six miles of Tahlequah, and is not good farming land but is well stocked with game and fish. The Choctaw land withdrawals are of timber land or land that may be readily timbered.

Mentions Dynamite and Knives.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Evidence was brought in the Shea trial that President Shea during the strike of the teamsters last year seriously considered the use of dynamite as a means of winning the strike. Michael Kelly, who was in charge of one of the squads of pickets, testified on the stand that Shea asked him if he knew of anybody who could handle dynamite. He also said that knives were given out to the pickets with the instructions that they were to be used on colored men who had taken the places of the strikers, and also for the purpose of cutting harnesses.

Mother and Children Burned.

Rock Rapids, Ia., Dec. 12.—While Mrs. C. Rudolph was engaged in cleaning a coat with gasoline, near here, the gasoline exploded. Her five-year-old son was burned to death and a daughter 17 years old so badly burned that she can not recover. Mrs. Rudolph and her baby were also injured, but it is thought they will recover.

Girl Charged With Murder.

North Platte, Neb., Dec. 12.—Miss Merle Clark, 21, was arrested charged with killing John Leonard, a rancher. The young woman does not deny the killing, but refuses to discuss it. Her friends say Leonard was in love with her and annoyed her with attentions, nor and secretary of state to award him the certificate of election. On the face of the returns, Sherwood, the Democratic-Independent candidate, was elected by 46 votes. McClelland claimed that it was illegal to combine the votes cast for Sherwood on both Democratic and Independent tickets.

Date of Gilman Hearing.

Dayton, O., Dec. 12.—Collins and Fayne Gilman are under arrest for alleged complicity in the murder of their sister, Dona Gilman. Both pleaded not guilty. Fayne Gilman was not locked up but was permitted to remain at the home of a friend. Collins was committed to jail. Collins and Fayne will be given a preliminary hearing Friday.

Open Switch.

Lima, O., Dec. 12.—Northbound passenger train No. 8 on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad crashed into an open switch in the north yards. Fireman Nichols of Dayton was killed and Brakeman Thiemann and Engineer Charles Long were fatally injured. No passengers were hurt.

Brannock's Home Town Dry.

Bethel, O., Dec. 12.—In the local option election here, 309 votes were cast, of which the dries received a majority of 62. This town is the home of Mr. Brannock, author of the law under which the election was held. There were three saloons in the village that are ousted by the election.

Violated Eight-Hour Law.

Columbus, O., Dec. 12.—Frank J. Duval and Fred C. Duval, contractors who were building an ice pier in the Ohio river at Gallipolis, entered pleas of guilty in United States court to an indictment charging them with violating the 8-hour law, and were fined \$25 and costs.

Mrs. Thaw, mother of Harry K. Thaw, sailed for home from Dover, England.

CODIFYING COMMISSION

Members Appointed and Announced by Governor Harris.

CAMPBELL, LAYLIN, SIBLEY

Three Trainmen Are Fatally Crushed When a Passenger Train Dashes Into Open Switch—Princely Gifts to Western Reserve—General News of the Buckeye State.

Columbus, O., Dec. 12.—Governor Harris announced the appointment of Lewis C. Laylin of Norwalk and Judge Hiram L. Sibley of Marietta, Republicans, and former Governor James E. Campbell of Hamilton, Democrat, as members of the commission which is to codify the laws of the state of Ohio. The salary is \$5,000 each per year, and the commission is to begin work on Jan. 1, 1907. The consolidation and revision of the statutes is to be completed by the convening of the Seventy-eighth general assembly "on the first day of the regular session thereof and the whole work closed by such time and the commissioners shall give their entire time to the work until completed." The last legislature, which enacted this law, provided that there should be appropriated for the salary of the three commissioners the sum of \$15,000 and for clerk hire, stenographers and incidental expenses \$10,000.

It was known only to a limited few that the name of Ohio's former chief executive was being considered by Governor Harris, or that the former was in any sense an applicant, either in an active or passive state. Governor Harris lives at Eaton, Preble county, in the Third district, and has known Governor Campbell intimately for years.

Reserve Receives Aid.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 12.—Announcement was made by President Charles F. Thwing that gifts of \$100,000 each were made to Western Reserve university by H. M. Hanna and Colonel Oliver H. Payne. The \$200,000 thus subscribed is to be used in establishing and endowing a laboratory of experimental medicine in the medical school of Western Reserve. A professorship of experimental medicine was created at the meeting of the trustees of the university, and Professor Charles D. Stewart of the University of Chicago was elected to the chair.

Oil Argument Concluded.

Findlay, O., Dec. 12.—Argument to dismiss the petition in error to quash the indictments against John D. Rockefeller, M. G. Vilas, J. M. Robertson and H. P. McIntosh, Standard Oil officials, were completed, the closing address being delivered by Virgil P. Kline of Cleveland. Hearing in the mandamus proceedings in the circuit court against the Buckeye Pipe Line company to compel it to carry all oil offered was to have been held, but a postponement until Tuesday was decided upon.

"Chaplain" McCabe.

New York, Dec. 12.—Bishop Charles C. McCabe of the Methodist Episcopal church, and who was stricken with apoplexy in this city, was known formerly as "Chaplain" McCabe, because of his service during the civil war in the 122nd regiment of Ohio volunteers. After the war he acquired a national reputation by his lectures on army life and his book, "The Sunny Side of Libby Prison," in which institution the churchman spent four months. He was born at Athens, O., in 1836.

"Made Roosevelt."

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Belamy Storer, wife of the former ambassador to Austria, in an interview is reported to have said: "We created President Roosevelt by inducing President McKinley to appoint Mr. Roosevelt to the important post of assistant secretary of the navy. It seems hardly worth while to pay any attention to the attacks President Roosevelt has chosen to make upon myself and my husband. No one knows the truth better than President Roosevelt."

Action Against Lumber Trust.

Lima, O., Dec. 12.—Commissioner Garfield has sent a request to Prosecuting Attorney Welty to file suit against the alleged lumber trust, based on the results of the grand jury probe last fall. Mr. Welty at this investigation brought out that the retailers were in the power of a combination stronger than their own, and startling evidence was given to show a pool agreement existing between the big wholesalers and producers.

Ended in Tragedy.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 12.—With a mock threatening manner, imitating an Irish comedian in a burlesque show he witnessed, Bernard Flueck, 16, pointed a revolver at the breast of his cousin, Frank Ellis, and pulled the trigger. Ellis fell, instantly killed by a bullet which passed through his heart. Flueck was arrested and a charge of murder placed against him.

JAP IMMIGRATION

Bitterly Denounced by a California Congressman.

New York, Dec. 12.—Japanese immigration was bitterly denounced in a speech by Representative Julius Kahn of San Francisco. Mr. Kahn was one of the speakers at a dinner of the New York Credit Men's association. "The people of the Pacific coast," he said, "were satisfied that the Japanese would always remain loyal to the mikado, and that the oath of naturalization would be to them a hollow mockery." Californians did not want that kind of citizenship and did not intend to have it if they could prevent it. The people of the coast, he said, had had their experience with Chinese coolies, and now were threatened with another oriental invasion still more serious, for the Japanese had all the vices of the Chinese with none of their virtues.

Japs Wear War Medals.

Honolulu, Dec. 12.—Many Japanese laborers wearing war medals arrived here today from Yokohama.

Conditions on Isthmus.

New York, Dec. 12.—John F. Stevens, chief engineer, and J. G. Sullivan, assistant chief engineer of the Panama canal commission, arrived here on the steamer Panama from Colon. They expect to return to the Isthmus early in January. Concerning the rumor reported from Panama that he might resign from the commission, Mr. Sullivan said that he had not resigned and that reports that he intended doing so were unfounded. In speaking of the conditions on the isthmus Mr. Stevens said: "There are at present at work on the canal 17,000 men, 5,000 of whom are white. There are no Chinese among the workmen. The best workmen are the Italians and Spaniards. There has not been a death since July, when I went down, and very little sickness."

For Scientific Researches.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The board of trustees of the Carnegie institution of Washington appropriated \$661,300 to aid in scientific researches of various kinds during 1907. This provides for continuing work in 10 departments already organized and for the reorganization of a department of nutrition under the direction of Professor Francis C. Benedict of Wesleyan university, Middletown, Conn. About \$100,000 was set aside for the award of minor grants previously implied, for new minor grants and for research associates. Secretary of State Root presided.

Shriner in Trouble.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 12.—Harry H. Allen was arrested on information sworn out by three members of the finance committee of Ararat temple of the Ancient Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of this city, charging him with the embezzlement of \$7,611 as recorder. Allen held the office of recorder three terms and is known to Shriners throughout the country. He was arraigned before a justice of the peace, pleaded not guilty, and was released on bond of \$1,000 furnished by friends.

CUT TO THE QUICK.

Mrs. Antonio Brosilis, 50, of Footdale, Pa., shot and killed her husband during a quarrel. Woman claims she shot in self-defense.

Levi Boster, reputed to have been the oldest person in Missouri, died at his home near Houston, Texas county, aged 116 years. He was born in Virginia.

Franklin J. Moses, 60, former governor of South Carolina, was found dead in bed at his lodging house at Winthrop Beach, death being caused by asphyxiation.

GRAIN AND LIVE STOCK.

EAST BUFFALO—Cattle: Good to choice export cattle, \$5 50@5 75; shipping steers, \$4 75@5 00; butcher cattle, \$4 50@5 25; heifers, \$3 10@4 75; fat cows, \$2 50@4 10; bulls, \$2 50@4 50; milkers and springers, \$3 00@5 00. Sheep and Lambs—Yearlings, \$6 25@7 75; wethers, \$5 75@6 00, mixed, \$5 00@5 50; ewes, \$4 25@5 00; spring lambs, \$5 00@5 75. Calves—Best, \$3 50@5 00; Hogs—All grades, \$6 45; pigs, \$6 00@6 25; stags, \$4 00@5 00; roughs, \$5 50@6 50.

CLEVELAND—Cattle: Prime dry-fed, \$5 00@5 75; fat steers, \$4 50@5 25; fat cows, \$2 50@3 25; heifers, \$2 50@3 25; milkers and springers, \$3 25@5 00. Sheep and Lambs—Choice lambs, \$7 00@7 75; mixed sheep, \$4 00@5 25; wethers, \$5 25@5 75. Calves—\$3 75@4 00. Hogs—Yorkers, \$6 40; medium, \$5 40@6 45; pigs, \$5 25@6 40; stags, \$4 25@5 00. Roughs, \$5 50@6 50.

CHICAGO—Cattle: Common to prime steers, \$3 85@7 35; cows, \$3 10@2 60; bulls, \$1 75@2 15; stockers and feeders, \$2 25@4 00. Sheep and Lambs—Sheep, \$3 00@6 15; lambs, \$5 00@8 00; yearlings, \$3 20@5 00. Calves, \$2 00@7 50. Hogs—Choice heavy, \$8 25@8 35; choice prime, \$6 25@6 35; light mixed, \$5 15@6 25; packing, \$4 00@6 20; pigs, \$5 00@6 20.

PITTSBURGH—Cattle: Choice, \$5 75@6 00; prime, \$5 40@5 65; tidy butchers, \$4 00@5 00; heifers, \$3 50@4 40; cows, \$2 50@3 50; mixed, \$2 00@3 00; fresh cows, \$25 00@50 00. Sheep and Lambs—Prime wethers, \$5 80; good mixed, \$5 30@5 50; lambs, \$5 00@7 80; Calves—Veal, \$6 00@8 25. Hogs—Mediums and Yorkers, \$6 45; pigs, \$6 50@6 55.

CINCINNATI—Wheat: No. 2 red, 76 1/2@77 1/2; No. 3 red, 74 1/2@75 1/2; No. 2 mixed, 74 1/2@75 1/2; No. 3 mixed, 72 1/2@73 1/2. Rye: No. 2, 72 1/2@74 1/2; No. 3, 70 1/2@72 1/2. Corn: No. 2, 35 1/2@36 1/2; No. 3, 34 1/2@35 1/2. Oats: No. 2, 24 1/2@25 1/2; No. 3, 23 1/2@24 1/2. Barley: No. 2, 31 1/2@32 1/2; No. 3, 30 1/2@31 1/2. Clover: No. 2, 14 1/2@15 1/2; No. 3, 13 1/2@14 1/2.

BOSTON—Wool: Ohio and Pennsylvania XX and above, 33 1/2@34 1/2; X, 31 1/2@32 1/2; No. 1, 30 1/2@31 1/2; No. 2, 29 1/2@30 1/2; No. 3, 28 1/2@29 1/2; No. 4, 27 1/2@28 1/2; No. 5, 26 1/2@27 1/2; No. 6, 25 1/2@26 1/2; No. 7, 24 1/2@25 1/2; No. 8, 23 1/2@24 1/2; No. 9, 22 1/2@23 1/2; No. 10, 21 1/2@22 1/2; No. 11, 20 1/2@21 1/2; No. 12, 19 1/2@20 1/2; No. 13, 18 1/2@19 1/2; No. 14, 17 1/2@18 1/2; No. 15, 16 1/2@17 1/2; No. 16, 15 1/2@16 1/2; No. 17, 14 1/2@15 1/2; No. 18, 13 1/2@14 1/2; No. 19, 12 1/2@13 1/2; No. 20, 11 1/2@12 1/2; No. 21, 10 1/2@11 1/2; No. 22, 9 1/2@10 1/2; No. 23, 8 1/2@9 1/2; No. 24, 7 1/2@8 1/2; No. 25, 6 1/2@7 1/2; No. 26, 5 1/2@6 1/2; No. 27, 4 1/2@5 1/2; No. 28, 3 1/2@4 1/2; No. 29, 2 1/2@3 1/2; No. 30, 1 1/2@2 1/2.

ATLANTIC CITY HORROR.

Brave Deeds That Marked Wrecking of Pennsylvania Electric Train.

The recent disaster on the drawbridge at Atlantic City caused by the wrecking of a three car train on the Pennsylvania railroad's new electric system was not without its stories of heroism, says an Atlantic City correspondent of the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Brakeman Wood of the train crew showed remarkable presence of mind and proved himself a hero. When the train left the rails and was bumping over the ties Wood ran to the rear door of the last car, threw it wide open and held it for the passengers to escape. He held the door open until the car slid off the bridge, and he went into the water with it. He then swam to the shore. His action in holding the door open probably saved many lives.

Harry C. Deemer of Philadelphia says that it is wonderful that even the few who did escape from the last car were able to do so. Many of them owe their lives to Deemer. He and his wife are in the Atlantic City hospital. The husband is suffering from bruises and cuts from jagged glass received in effecting his own escape and in breaking a way out for others. Wrapped in bandages, Deemer told the story of how he and his wife were saved. He said:

"We were riding in the last car, and every window was closed. Suddenly we felt the jar when the train jumped the track. I looked from the window and saw the first car as it splashed into the water. The second car followed, and then the front of our car plunged from the bridge and came to an abrupt stop. Most of the passengers were thrown into a heap in the lower end of the car, which was submerged. It immediately filled with water.

"I bobbed to the surface and all at once thought of the windows. I struck at one of the panes of glass with my fist, but the first blow I gave it failed to break it, and then I used my elbow and jabbed a hole in the pane. The hole was not very big, but I managed to squeeze through. When I had got a good breath of air I turned to look for my wife. I then crawled along the car, breaking in the windows with my fist, which was bleeding profusely by this time.

"While doing this I heard my wife's voice crying out to me: 'Save me, Harry! Save me, dear!' I hurried along until I found her. Then I reached through one of the broken windows and grabbed her arm. She cried out with pain: 'Don't, Harry! It's broken!' but I held on to it, and with the aid of another man, who had come to my rescue, we managed to pull my wife through the car window to freedom."

One of the rescuers at work on top of a submerged car discovered a woman's jeweled hand sticking through the roof ventilator. He worked heroically to get her body and finally succeeded in drawing it through the aperture.

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A Good Change

By Martha McCulloch-Williams

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"Billy Batson! That settles it. I don't hold with circuses no mighty much anyway—no unless there's animals and children that oughter know about 'em. But you might 'a' went to this'n in the wagon along with Uncle Jim's folks, if that would 'a' done you. Go with a Batson, indeed! Remember, miss, your grandfather went to the legislature!" Mrs. Hicks said witheringly to her daughter Amelia, who pouted and answered sullenly:

"I wish he'd died first. Then you couldn't be always throwing him at everybody until we're laughingstocks. And Billy Batson has got the finest horse and the nicest buggy around here. Any girl—Sophy Weldon even—would jump at the chance to ride in it. You'd want me to jump, too, if it wasn't for that sneaky preacher. I tell you right now you needn't try to make me marry him. I won't do it! I won't! I won't!"

"Haden't you better wait till you're asked?" Mrs. Hicks asked, with her finest sarcasm.

Amelia laughed—a laugh not pleasant to hear. "I ain't a fool—not if I am your daughter," she retorted. "I know what you're plotting, you two, and that you want him for a son-in-law, so you can boss the church, as you've always bossed things here."

"Amelia Hicks! I am ashamed of you!" Mrs. Hicks cried severely, then, with a snuffle: "But maybe I deserve it. I took your father rather 'n listen to my missionary call. And this is what I get for it—a thankless tooth sharper 'n a serpent's child."

Amelia giggled. "That's about the way you commonly get things," she said irreverently. "Now, you listen to me, ma. You hate old maids—so do I—and Billy Batson is the best chance I'll ever have in my life. He's going to court me this trip—I know it—never mind how. If you don't let me go, he'll court somebody else."

"Lord grant it!" Mrs. Hicks broke in fervently. Amelia frowned. "You think, then, I might put up with your Brother Gillingham," she said bitterly. "But I'd die—'d even be an old maid first, the sourest, ugliest that ever turned sweet milk."

"Oh, do hush!" Mrs. Hicks interrupted fretfully, but turning away her head to hide a flickering crafty smile. "If nothin' will do you but to sink to the level of the Batsons, why, I suppose, I must let you. But you must let me talk to Billy before you start."

"What for?" Amelia asked suspiciously. Her mother laughed sullenly. "For no great matter," she said. "You may hear every word I say. Does that satisfy you?"

"Looks like it ought to," Amelia said ungraciously. "But, understand, you ain't going to mention Gillingham!"

"Of course not. Pearls ain't to be cast before swines," Mrs. Hicks said, with a toss of her head.

Amelia eyed her distrustfully for a long minute, then walked off, muttering to herself, "If only she sticks to her word, she can't do any great harm."

Amelia thought she knew her mother, particularly as regarded the depths of her deceit, but she stared in dumb amazement at Billy Batson's reception. No May morning ever smiled more engagingly on him than Mrs. Hicks. She shook hands with fervor and asked in her suavest voice after the health of his family. She was also hearty in admiration of his spanking turnout and wished him all sorts of a good time—the full worth of his money in pleasure. Then she asked artlessly that she herself had never seen a real circus. A menagerie of one elephant power was as near as she had come. A pity, to be sure! No, she had no scruples. It just seemed never quite suited for her to go when circus day came round. Somebody had been sick or there was work to do. Mr. Hicks had gone—mean always went—but that didn't mean stopping a plow, as would have been the case had she insisted. Of course she would have had to have the mules and rockaway. Now that she was a widow she had not felt it was just the thing to do. A circus seemed somehow to require having a man along. Maybe she would go next time—her nephew Freddy Drayne was growing up so fast.

Then Billy said boldly, with a sheepish glance toward Amelia, "Oh, maybe you'll have a son-in-law, and if he don't take you, why, ask me to thrash him for you."

"If you're willin' to do that for me, maybe you won't mind doin' somethin' easier—lettin' me go 'long with you and Amelia today. It's dreadful lonely stayin' at home and watchin' all the neighborhood go by," Mrs. Hicks said, with a plaintive smile.

Billy gasped, but could not refuse.

Amelia stood thunderstruck. She turned half about, meaning to say she would not go, but a glance at her mother's face stopped her. Her mother was counting upon rebellion in her daughter. If Billy saw her fly into a tantrum he might well be scared off. So she controlled herself and clambered up into the buggy, outwardly smiling, but inwardly gritting her teeth.

The buggy was high and the seat so narrow it barely held two persons. Billy had to kneel upon the floor, steadying himself with the reins as best he might. It was more than aggravating. He had the fastest horse on the road and had counted on giving disto to everything else there, no less than on having the prettiest face in the county

at his side. Now he drove at almost a foot pace, partly because of the added weight, but much more because he wanted to keep away from sight of his acquaintances.

Naturally conversation languished. For awhile Mrs. Hicks kept up a sprightly chatter, but after a mile or two even she fell silent. Amelia sat with clinched hands, ready to cry between anger and mortification. Of course Billy would be angry. He had a right to be. Not with her, to be sure—but, then, how could she expect him to discriminate? Her mother, she knew well, had the name of being proud and a schemer. There would be plenty of folks to tell Billy, if he did not think of it himself, that the whole thing had been planned between mother and daughter on purpose to make him ridiculous.

Being self made, he was keenly sensitive. Unless she could make him understand her innocence she had lost him, and she did not want to lose him. She loved ever fiber of his six foot ruddy comeliness as she hated the only lankness of Brother Gillingham.

Her heart leaped when Gillingham drew up alongside the buggy and said, trying to speak jocularly: "Why, Batson, don't you know there are laws against monopoly? Here I'm driving to town without a soul to bear me company. Divide, man, divide! I know it's hard to choose, but you must give me a passenger."

"I have to mind the preacher, don't I, Mrs. Hicks?" Billy asked over his shoulder, making way for her and checking his horse as he spoke. He of course could not choose, but she must understand that she was in the way.

But Mrs. Hicks sat tight, giggling and saying airily: "Indeed you do, Miss Batson! Cut the wheels the least mite more, then Amelia can step across—no need in the world of your gettin' out to help her—and Brother Gillingham can meet us at the Mathewses. Their yard is such a good place to see the parade."

There must have been fate in it, else Amelia would have refused. But some power beyond herself compelled her to obedience. In a wink almost she was whirling forward beside the man she hated. Billy glared after them and set his teeth. He made no pretense of civil talk to the woman beside him. His heart was so sore, his mind so angry, it was almost a miracle that he did not drive into or over somebody. But by good hap he got safe to his journey's end and found himself a little later, with Mrs. Hicks at his elbow, wedged into the throng which lined the street on either side.

Amelia and the minister were just across the way. Neither couple had had time to reach the Mathewses haven. The parade was already moving when they came to town, so they had made what shift and haste they might.

It was a piteous parade, something tawdry throughout, and in spots dusty and threadbare. But the lady riders had superb horses and sat them wonderfully, especially Sandra, queen of amazons, who in green and gold lace blew kisses right and left from her finger tips, the while making her milk white Arab keep time with the band blaring ahead.

Sandra was slight and round, with everywhere about her the suggestion of supple strength. She carried a crop to flourish what time she was not throwing kisses. Every man along the line uncovered to her, and here or there she got hand clapping and cheers.

As she drew near Amelia's stand Brother Gillingham said uneasily: "You won't mind if I leave you, the others are so near? And it has just occurred to me that I ought not to be here. Not that there is any harm in it, but we must avoid the very appearance of evil."

"Go, if you can," Amelia said dutifully. She was too angry to feel relief in his absence.

Billy's face had told her things—all she had been fearing. Since he was lost to her beyond question, she had a mad wish that the world might end. Gillingham made a pace away, found the human wall impenetrable, then turned irresolutely again toward her.

Thus he drew to himself Sandra's keen gaze. Those watching saw her jaw set, her eyes sparkle, her cheeks whiten underneath their rouge—saw her ride straight at the tall, black clad figure and lash it furiously, crying high and shrill:

"You thief! You robber—villain! You murderer! You are a murderer—the money you stole from me might have saved our little child."

"Of all the brazen things! To quit a circus and turn preacher," Mrs. Hicks said a week later. "But no wonder he took us in—the deacons—and me and everybody—such beautiful letters as he had. Forged, of course—and that poor creature he left behind, playing on—with the baby just buried—by charity too. Amelia, it makes me creep to think how near you came to marrying such a scoundrel. He might 'a' done it if I hadn't put my foot down that he must wait till Christmas, when you'd get your grandpa's legacy."

"That was what he wanted," Amelia said, laughing.

Amelia was so happy to resent her mother's inconsistency. "Billy is another sort," she added after a pause. "He wants that \$5,000 put in trust so he can't even touch it—along with another thousand from him."

"I always said Billy was a mighty good chance," Mrs. Hicks said, piously casting up her eyes.

Hopeless Case.

"Papa says," remarked the dear girl, "that he will never give his consent to our marriage until you are able to support me."

"Great Scott!" exclaimed the poor but otherwise honest young man. "Does he want his only daughter to die an old maid?"—Chicago News.

The Millionaire Marauder

By MARGARET MUZZEY

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"Going downtown, Dick?"

"Not in this mood. My umbrella has a broken rib."

"You are almost a surgeon. Why don't you set it?" asked Joe. "Take mine and have yours mended."

"Have mine fixed, too, will you?" called a voice from the next room.

"Mine needs a patch," said another young student of medicine, appearing in the door.

"I say, get the handle put on mine while you're about it," demanded a third.

Dick departed with Joe Dart's umbrella over his head and three disabled ones besides his own under his arm.

After leaving them with an umbrella mender he did some shopping and went into a corner drug shop to wait for a car. He was absorbed in the marvelous representations of a new patent medicine until, glancing out of the window, he saw his car, seized the nearest umbrella and hurried to the door.

As he passed out a feminine voice cried:

"Stop thief! He's stolen my umbrella!"

Without the faintest suspicion that it referred to him Dick ran and jumped on the car.

When he reached the boarding house he carried Joe's umbrella to his own room and forgot it until the next rainy day, when his friends inquired for their mended property.

"The repairs will be finished today. I'll bring your umbrellas on my way back from the hospital," he told them.

When he went out with Joe's umbrella, which he had not returned, it struck him as being rather small for a man, although it had not occurred to him when he carried it before.

As he seated himself in the car going uptown the woman next to him muttered an angry ejaculation. Dick moved his bunch of umbrellas and apologized, fearing he had set it on her foot, when to his astonishment she whispered:

"I congratulate you, young man. You have had a very successful morning. If it were not for making a scene that would get my name into the papers, I should denounce you here and now."

Dick was speechless. He started to his feet.

"Don't you suppose I recognize my stolen umbrella right there in your hand?"

"North street!" bawled the conductor.

"I will leave you to your own conscience," added the woman and was gone before Dick recovered sufficiently to retort.

"Isn't this your umbrella?" he asked Joe when he reached the house.

"It's five times as good. Where did you get it?"

"I must have exchanged with somebody," said Dick ruefully.

"Take my silver watch out and swap it off for a gold one, will you?" said Joe.

"Who shall you take to the next assembly?" Joe inquired later.

"I have asked Miss Mildred Wells, but as I have only met her once, she will probably decline."

"Not Milly-with-the-mercenary-mother. She won't be permitted to refuse an invitation from the only son of a gold mine."

"Her mother has never even heard of me," said Dick crossly.

"She'll find you out soon enough. She keeps a regular Bradstreet's of eligible men. She has married all her nieces to diamond tiaras and is just waiting for a chap like you to crown her daughter. Her permission won't be asked this time, though. She is going away tonight. Milly told me so this afternoon."

Joe was right, and Mildred accepted Dick's invitation. During her mother's absence she was relegated to the chaperonage of a much married cousin, who was too engrossed in the pursuit of sterilized nutriments and sanitary apparel for her children to keep a vigilant eye on her guest.

The night of the assembly found her unable to leave her youngest, who, having deposited a dime in his inside, refused to honor a draft of mustard and warm water for the amount. The distracted mother was easily persuaded to allow Milly to go with a friend.

"I shall have to leave early," Milly told her escort. "Mother will be home at 1 o'clock, and I must be there to greet her. I have been staying with Cousin Carrie, you know, but I promised mamma I would be back at our own house when she arrives."

They left the dance at midnight and started for Mildred's home. When they reached the house Dick inserted a latchkey, but it would not turn.

"Bridget has slipped the night latch," exclaimed Milly. "She sleeps on the third story and is so deaf she can't even hear by mail. What shall we do?"

"Isn't there a window I can open somewhere?"

"Suppose you try mother's room. The windows are on the piazza, and they are seldom locked."

"I will do my criminalist," said Dick.

"Just inside the window at the left is a stand with candle and matches. You can easily find the front door when you have a light."

Dick opened the window, stepped inside, felt around with his hand, which came in violent contact with something

on the stand and knocked it off. The one match that he found in his waistcoat pocket spluttered long enough to show him the little china match holder, which had rolled under the edge of the bed. He was on his knees to pick it up when suddenly the room was flooded with electric light, and he was seized by the tails of his evening coat and jerked violently backward. Struggling to his feet, he turned and looked directly into the muzzle of a revolver held by the accusing angel who had commended him to his conscience in the street car.

The surprise was mutual. Dick's first impulse was to laugh, but immediate contact with a loaded weapon in the hands of a feminine fury is not stimulating to one's sense of humor if the situation is sustained.

"Ah, ha, young man!" she cried triumphantly. "I have got you now—a 'Daniel come to judgment!'"

"In the lion's den, you mean," said Dick.

"You are delivered into my hands by an interposition sent direct from Providence."

"You've mistaken the postmark; it's from the other place," protested the prisoner.

It was futile to explain.

"You shall not escape me a second time. March straight into that closet."

She locked him in, withdrew the key and left the room.

Dick glued his ear to the keyhole, heard an electric bell, followed by the banging of the front door, and his custodian returned, accompanied by Mildred.

"Cousin Carrie gave me permission to go to the dance, mamma," she said, "and we left, as we thought, in plenty of time to reach here before you."

"What do you mean by 'we'?" I found you alone at the front door."

"Why, Dick—I mean Mr. Brown—was with me. My key wouldn't work, so he got in the window. He must be in the house somewhere. It's funny you haven't seen or heard him."

"I caught a young thief in the act of hiding under my bed, and I have put him where he can't do any harm unless from sheer viciousness he sees fit to tear my clothes."

"For heaven's sake, mamma, you haven't mistaken Dick for a burglar! Why, he is the only son of Richard Jones-Brown of Boomville, who owns the largest gold mine in the west."

"That's a lie," said the gentle parent. "Richard Jones-Brown is Mrs. Doan's brother. I met him at her house in New York last week. He promised to send me a photograph of his son, who is a student in the medical college. I shall ask him to dinner."

Milly picked up some unopened mail that lay on the table.

"This must be a photograph. Look at it," she said.

Mrs. Wells tore off the envelope, disclosing the unmistakable likeness of "Daniel come to judgment."

"Oh, what have I done?" she moaned, collapsing into a chair.

Milly snatched the photograph.

"Isn't he the best looking thing you ever saw?" she exclaimed involuntarily. "I'm simply crazy about him!"

"Hear, hear!" bawled Dick, thumping on the closet door.

"Good gracious, mamma, have you locked him out? Give me the key this instant."

"Oh, don't let him out till I get upstairs," implored the old woman. "I've insulted him not once, but twice. He will never forgive me, never!"

But for reasons best known to herself Mildred thought that he would, and he did.

Traveling With Profit.

That "the dunce that goes to Rome" is not always the superior of "the dunce that stays at home" is shown by the following anecdote from A. J. C. Hare's "The Story of My Life":

Gibson, the eminent English sculptor, used to relate with great gusto something which happened to him when he was traveling by diligence before the time of railways. He had got as far as the Mont Cenis and while crossing it entered into conversation with his fellow traveler, an English man, not an American. Gibson asked where he had been, and he mentioned several places and then said, "There was one town I saw which I thought curious, the name of which I cannot for the life of me remember, but I know it began with an R."

"Was it Ronciglione," said Gibson, "or perhaps Radicondoli?" thinking of all the unimportant places beginning with R.

"No, no. It was a much shorter name—a one syllable name. I remember we entered it by a gate near a very big church, with lots of pillars in front of it, and there was a sort of square with two fountains."

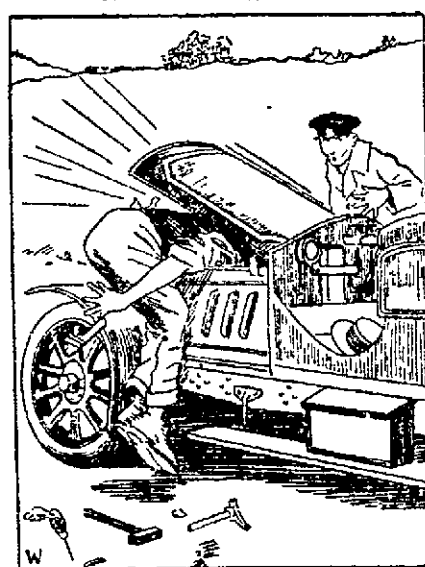
"You cannot possibly mean Rome?"

"Oh, yes, Rome! That was the name of the place."

Fancy Butter For Paris.

There is a certain kind of butter, known as "cotentin," that has brought both fame and money to its makers in Normandy. This popular luxury retails in Paris for \$125 a pound, and there is apparently never enough on hand to satisfy the regular consumers. The dairymen of Normandy, however, in return for this liberal patronage exercise every possible precaution in the manufacture of their expensive product. The cows are brushed and kept perfectly clean, the udders are washed and dried, and the attendants and milkers are themselves scrupulously clean. The rich milk is doubly strained, the churning being conducted on strictly modern scientific principles. No odors are allowed to come in contact with the milk at any time, even the food and water of the cows being rigidly inspected. After such care and precaution these energetic and conscientious dairymen do indeed deserve the fame and fortune that have come to them.

Advice to Beginners.



When you get your car always learn to do things yourself. Don't depend on your man. Show him how much you know so he won't try to fool you.—Tatler.

Just the One.

Gunner—I am going to try to sell my automobile.

Guyer—To whom?

Gunner—Oh, some politician.

Guyer—But why a politician?

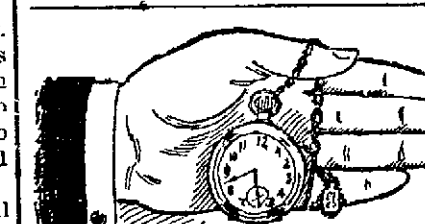
Gunner—Because it is such a good mud thrower.—Chicago News.

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In the northern part of Madagascar is the most remarkable natural fortress in the world. It is occupied by a wild tribe who call themselves the people of the rocks. The fortress is a lofty and precipitous rock of enormous size, 1,000 feet high and eight square miles in area. Its sides are so steep that it cannot be climbed without artificial means. Within it is hollow, and the only entrance is by a subterranean passage.

Origin of the Sidesaddle.

The use of the sidesaddle for women riders is traced to the time of Anne of Bohemia, eldest daughter of the emperor of Germany, who married Richard II. of England. Previous to this date all Englishwomen bestrode their horses man fashion, but on account of a deformity this German bride was forced to use a sidesaddle, and the custom became general.



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An Irishman once defined the human head as "a bulbous excrescence, of special use to many as a peg for hanging a hat on, as a barber's block for supporting wigs, as a target for shooting at when rendered conspicuous by a shining helmet, as a snuffbox or a chatterbox, as a machine for fitting into a halter or guillotine, as a receptacle for freaks, fancies, follies, passions, prejudices, predilections—for anything, in short, but brains."

Happiness.

Things are so arranged in this world that happiness as a profession must ever be a failure. It cannot be found by seeking it. It is a reflex action. It is incidental, a product which comes from doing noble things. It is impossible for a person to be really happy by making pleasure a profession.—Success Magazine.

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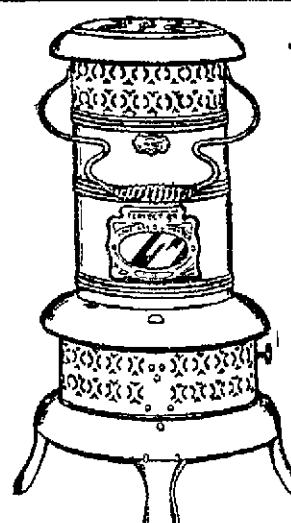
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LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Discovered this Week by Independent Investigators.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McCannagh, of 104 Green street, a son.

Mrs. J. S. Hollinger is spending a week with friends and relatives in Pittsburg.

Miss Lillian Hamill is spending a week with friends and relatives in Cleveland.

Miss Maud Friend is visiting her sister, Mrs. Nellie Haverstick, in Massillon.

Miss Maud Shepler, of Easton, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Wagoner, in Water street.

Matthew English and son, Edward English, of Akron, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Mrs. Bessie Moore and son, of Kansas City, Mo., are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. A. H. Metzger, in Locust street.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Rollin D. Salisbury, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Souers, in East Main street, a son.

Frank Miller and Albert Henrich left Wednesday morning for San Francisco, Cal., where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Cecelia Leighton left Monday morning for Bayonne, N. J., where she will spend the winter with her son, Robert E. Leighton.

The Rev. L. H. Hurry left Monday morning for Columbus to attend the meeting of the board of trustees of C. pital university.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Barbara Heck was held from St. Mary's church at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning, the Rev. Michael Vollmayer officiating. Interment was made in St. Mary's cemetery.

Miss Ethel Lanford and Albert Bryer, both attendants at the Massillon state hospital, were married at St. Joseph's parsonage by the Rev. Francis B. Doherty at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Malignant diphtheria has broken out in the village of Beloit, and is giving great uneasiness. Four cases have developed and all are of a malignant type. It is feared that an epidemic has broken out. So far the cases are confined to children.

Charles G. King has purchased the residence property in Akron street owned by C. N. Oatman and will move his household goods from North Erie street to his new home some time this week. Mr. and Mrs. Oatman will move to Cleveland in a few days.

The Review says that on December 13 and 14 more than one hundred foreigners, principally Hungarians and Austrians, will leave Alliance for the old country. Most of these go with the intention of returning to Alliance and bringing with them their families.

Fireman John Rigler, of the central engine house, who is ill with typhoid fever at his home in East Tremont street, continues to improve. His son, Charles Rigler, of Hutchinson, Kan., arrived home Tuesday evening and will be in the city a week or two.

At the Moore Run mine of the Moore Run Coal Company, west of Bridgeport, one hundred and seventy-five men, who struck recently on account of the employment of an alleged non-union man, returned to work Monday, the dispute being settled by arbitration.

C. A. Gales and C. L. McLain returned Monday night from a trip to Mexico. They have been absent about a month and during that time have traversed nine states and territories in the United States and ten states in Mexico. The travelers had delightful weather throughout the trip.

A surprise party was given in honor of Mrs. George Kapper at her residence, 14 Muskingum street, Tuesday evening, to celebrate her twenty-fourth birthday anniversary. Progressive euchre was played at four tables. Prizes were won by Mrs. Kapper, George Krantz, Miss Blanche Krantz and Peter Kapper. Refreshments were served on the card tables.

Because David P. Hart, of Akron, defendant in a \$10,000 breach of promise suit, is a near neighbor and has recited his troubles to him in a friendly way, Judge Wanamaker said in common pleas court Monday that he preferred not to hear the case. Hart is sued by Mrs. Martha Healy, a widow. Both have reached middle age. Hart is a wealthy bachelor. The hearing will be held in January.

Miss Avie L. Lowry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lowry, well known colored citizens of Massillon, and Ephraim Slaughter will be married at the home of the bride's parents in the southeast portion of the city at 5 o'clock this evening. A reception will follow the ceremony. Mr. Lowry is proprietor of two saloons in the city and Mr. Slaughter is bartender in the one near the steel plant. Mr. and Mrs. Slaughter will make their home in this city.

At a regular meeting of Mrs. Major McKinley tent No. 1, Daughters of Veterans, Monday evening, the following officers were elected: Mrs. N. M.

Olive Maier, president; Mrs. Clara Karrer, senior vice president; Mrs. Mary Ware, junior vice president; Miss Maud Stevens, chaplain; Miss Ella J. Crawford, treasurer; Miss Bertha M. Martin, patriotic instructor; Miss Clara Snyder, Miss Lucile Haring and Miss Lizzie Reavie, trustees.

Christmas visitors to Massillon are already arriving. Mrs. Albert Phillips, of Pompton Plains, N. J., is a guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. D. Russell, in Prospect street, where she will be joined later by Mr. Phillips. Mrs. Charles H. Clark and infant daughter, of Washington, are at the home of the former's father, I. M. Taggart, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Uiman, of New York, will arrive the last of the week to be the guests of the former's mother, Mrs. M. J. Uman, over the holidays.

Ward Smith, the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, of 339 West Tremont street, was badly burned about the face and neck at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. Harold Smith, a brother, laid a book on top of the gas stove while he ate his breakfast. It caught fire and Mrs. Smith threw it in the yard. Shortly afterwards Ward picked up the book, which was still burning, and in a moment his clothing was on fire. Mrs. Smith rushed to the boy and tore the burning garments off. His neck and face were badly burned. One of Mrs. Smith's hands was frightfully burned before she succeeded in putting out the fire.

Miss Dessie Graybill entertained the members of the board of education, the teachers of the public schools and several other guests Saturday evening at the residence of Mrs. M. E. Warwick, in East Main street, where she makes her home. A buffet supper was followed by a pleasant literary and musical program. Receiving with the hostess were Mrs. Warwick, State School Commissioner E. A. Jones, of Columbus; Superintendent and Mrs. C. L. Cronebaugh and Miss Susie Graybill. Those who assisted in entertaining the guests were Miss Luella Sibila, Miss Mabel Hoch, Miss Alice Hoch, Miss Brosnan, Miss Matthews, Principal Clark and Miss Lowe. Commissioner Jones and Superintendent Cronebaugh were called upon for speeches. Among those present were Miss Laura Sharp and Miss Maggie Youtz, of Canton, and Miss Mary Houriet, of Akron.

MONEY FOR SCHOOLS.

Questions Before State Tax Commission.

Columbus, Dec. 12.—The commission appointed by Governor Harris to revise the tax laws of the state held its first public meeting Monday afternoon and listened to a number of arguments in favor of such reform and as to the best means by which it can be accomplished. Prominent among those present was Dr. W. O. Thompson, president of the Ohio State university, who spoke upon the growing need of an increased levy for public school purposes. Any changes that are made in the present tax system should be a benefit rather than a detriment to the schools, else they should not be made, he declared. He said he believed the time was ripe when the law creating a school fund by direct tax could and ought to be wiped out, but advocated priority in the consideration of the schools in any new revenue raising measure that might be substituted in its place.

State School Commissioner E. A. Jones heartily endorsed Dr. Thompson's views and especially that part of his address with regard to the need of a greater revenue for the schools. He said the school teachers of Ohio were very poorly paid and cited this as one of the many instances to show that the present levy was inadequate. Other educators spoke along similar lines, all of them being agreed that whatever revisions were made in the present tax laws that care should be exercised to see that the schools were properly taken care of in the distribution of funds.

"CONSCIENCE MONEY."

Mrs. Caroline Potter Received a Ten Dollar Bill.

Mrs. Caroline E. Potter, who lives at 51 West Main street, found a strange looking letter among her mail Tuesday morning. She turned it this way and that, tried to recognize the handwriting of the address, tried to decipher the postmark, held it up to the light, in fact, did all the things which everyone does under similar circumstances. Finally, as a last resort she opened the envelope. Inside was a ten dollar bill and a slip of paper containing the words "Conscience money."

Mrs. Potter has no idea as to the identity of the person who sent the bill. Neither can she remember having lost the amount in any way. "If they have any more of that kind of money, tho, they can send it in," said she when telling an Independent reporter of the circumstance.

Mrs. Potter is a widow. Before the death of her husband she lived in Las Vegas, N. M.

IN THE LAND OF KING MENELIK.

William E. Curtis Writes of Mr. Skinner's Book.

MONARCH IS EAGER FOR NEWS.

In "Abyssinia of Today" Mr. Skinner Describes His Visit to the Realm of the Descendant of Solomon—Trade Relations With the Country.

William E. Curtis, in a dispatch from Washington to the Chicago Record-Herald, says in part:

The press associations give us contradictory reports from Abyssinia. One day we are told that King Menelik, "the lion of the tribe of Judah," "the chosen of the Lord," "the king of kings," is dead or dying, and the next day the statement is contradicted. Abyssinia is a poor place to look for accurate news. There are no newspapers in the country; correspondents are very scarce and the gentle art of writing is not so well developed as it is in the District of Columbia and at other capitals. Robert P. Skinner, of Massillon, O., and our consul general at Massillon, in a charming book, "Abyssinia of Today," which has just been published, says that Menelik "knew of our war with Spain and he had a realization, tho, vague, of our might and power. His thirst for information is phenomenal. Europeans in the East, where newspapers are scarce and slow in coming, fall back upon a very useful institution, called "Reuters." Reuters is a news gathering concern, whose brief telegrams are sent to those able to afford this luxury. They come in typewritten sheets, and are usually to be seen at hotels and the clubs of the seacoast cities. When a week's dispatches have accumulated, they are sent by the mail boat from Aden to Djibouti, whence they are reforwarded to Dire-Daouah. Here the English is put into French, and the important facts are immediately telephoned to Addis-Ababa, the longer dispatches following by a courier, to be translated into Amharic for the delectation of the emperor.

"His majesty speaks no language but Amharic, unless, perhaps, one or two of the local dialects. He doubtless recognizes a number of the commonly used French expressions, and on the day when we left the city he paid us a delicate compliment by saying in English: 'How do?' He has always at hand a very competent interpreter, who is also his private secretary, M. Sourvis, a Greek gentleman who speaks French, Spanish, Italian and English. Our conversations were invariably carried on in French as between the interpreter and myself; indeed, French is the only foreign tongue one hears much in Ethiopia. It was surprising to find in a country where English political influence was so predominant so little of that language. There are no English merchants in the empire, altho there are hundreds of Frenchmen scattered throughout the country. Many of the natives have a smattering of French, and servants seem to pick it up more readily than they do English."

Mr. Skinner, you know, went to Ethiopia, which is the proper name of Abyssinia, as a special commissioner from the government of the United States to open up relations between one of the oldest governments on earth and our own, and he negotiated a commercial treaty with the son of Solomon and the queen of Sheba. Abyssinia is very little known, altho, a Mr. Skinner declares, "the opportunity for fruitful historical and linguistic research is a most tempting one. We devote millions to the uncovering of ancient cities dead," he says, "and we neglect an ancient civilization living; a civilization which found its inspiration in Solomon's court, and which, preserving its christian faith through 1,600 years, and during many centuries cut off from all contact with the outside world, hands itself down to us in all essential respects, identical with that which prevailed in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. I trust that the earnest student will not be too late, for when steam has replaced the camel and the mule, the old Ethiopia will have passed away forever."

The Abyssinians are christians. They accepted christianity in the fourth century, but still retain many of the ancient Mosaic laws and customs. As Mr. Skinner says, their judges "administer justice based upon the precepts of the open Bible in their hands." Abyssinian tradition recognizes Menelik as a descendant of King Solomon and the queen of Sheba, who is identified as Makeda, queen of Ethiopia, a born 1,030 B. C. and place upon the throne at the age of 15.

The treaty negotiated by Mr. Skinner is of very great value, provided our merchants and manufacturers will take advantage of it. As an old lady said about religion, "It is a good thing if it's lived up to," but unless our people go down with samples and introduce their wares to the notice of the Abyssinians, they are not likely to get trade. It is singular fact that indirectly thru commercial houses at Marseilles we supply a considerable part of the cotton goods and other necessities of life used by the Abyssinians. A Swiss firm which does a large business in Abyssinia, with headquarters at Marseilles, has a branch office in Wall street in New York.

"Altho King Menelik is independent, his government is very largely controlled by Alfred Ilig, a Swiss, and Leon Chefnieux, a Frenchman, who have lived many years in the country, and have the confidence of the emperor and the people. They have a concession to handle the finances of the government for ninety-nine years, and the right to collect an ad valorem duty of ten per cent upon all merchandise entering or leaving the country, with a provision that when their net annual profit exceeds \$3,000,000 the surplus shall be divided equally with the government. These gentlemen are building a railroad from the port of Djibouti in French Somaliland on the Gulf of Aden to Addis-Ababa, the capital of Abyssinia. They have finished it as far as Harar, 310 kilometers, and expect to complete the remaining 300 miles within the next two or three years, when the primitive conditions of Ethiopia will doubtless be rapidly supplanted by the customs of modern civilization. The emperor is progressive and is stimulating the ambition of the young men of his country to take an active interest in education and to fit themselves for future opportunities and responsibilities."

TEACHERS WILL HOLD INSTITUTE

Township Meeting at the Vinedale School House.

DISCUSSIONS TO BE OF INTEREST

The Meeting Will be Held Friday Afternoon and Evening—Special Music is Being Prepared—The Public is Invited to Attend.

The teachers of the Perry township schools will meet in a teachers' institute at the Vinedale school house, east of Massillon, Friday afternoon and evening. The public is invited to attend both sessions. The afternoon meeting will be given to the discussion of subjects closely allied with school work, while the evening will be given to a discussion of subjects of more general interest, both to the parent and teacher.

During the afternoon J. E. McFarren will talk on the subject "Teaching Arithmetic." His address will be followed by a round table talk, in which all teachers are asked to take part. A general discussion on "Pedagogical Problems" will be led by G. H. Walter. It is intended that these general subjects will give sufficient latitude for all teachers to give their opinions on the most important questions before the teachers of district schools.

At the evening session Miss Grace L. Putman will give an address, but the subject of her talk has not been made public. C. Meyer will talk on "The Attitude the Parent Should Have and Sustain Toward the School." E. W. Stewart will talk on "The Aim of School Discipline and How to Obtain It." Ira L. Smith will discuss "Do We Waste Time in Teaching?" Special music for the occasion is being prepared. The teachers feel that the institute will be of great benefit to the teachers, the pupils and the parents. The friends of the township schools are invited to attend and are also requested to bring their friends. Those at the head of the institute hope to hold other sessions this winter.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Massillon, Dec. 10, 1900:

Sturke, Mrs. John
Towers, Emma G.
Miller, Miss Hattie

Dunlap, Mrs. Mary P.
Miller, Ester L.
Wesley, Mrs. Fred.

Chaffee, John
Friesole, A. E.
Farns, Mr. and Mrs. Cha.
Khan, Chas.
Patterson, F. S.
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Schlatter, Rev. H.
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CARRIERS FREQUENTLY FINED.

Rural Carriers are Also Subject to a Time Schedule Which is Hard to Keep These Days on Account of the Condition of the Roads.

It has been brought to the notice of Postmaster Koons that frequently the United States mail is delayed by persons carelessly driving their teams and vehicles across the street in front of approaching wagons used in transferring the mail from the railway depots to the postoffice. Mail carriers on foot or mounted have the right of way at all times and any person guilty of retarding either city or rural carriers or drivers employed in the screen wagon service, or obstructing the passage of the mail is liable under the statutes to a fine of one hundred dollars for every offense. The law is important to drivers of vehicles in the city and wherever the rural delivery has been established. Drivers in the screen wagon service have a regular time schedule by which they are required to arrive and depart from the postoffice. The time is based on such a narrow margin that it admits of little delay. If an important train is met the train superintendent is notified by the railway mail service, and unless a good and sufficient reason can be shown for the occurrence an amount in proportion to the importance of the train must be deducted from the contractor's pay check.

Rural carriers are also governed by a time schedule, but what they are most perturbed about at present is the deplorable condition of the roads. The recent rains on clay soil have made many highways almost impassable. Low lands in places are seas of water, while the roads are streaks of deep, clinging mud.

WANT NEXT CONVENTION.

Foresters Went to Cleveland on Sunday.

Eight members of St. Mary's court and St. Paul's court, Catholic Order of Foresters, went to Cleveland Sunday, and there met the advisory committee of the Cleveland councils and were joined in their deliberations by Foresters from Canton Alliance and Sandusky, all of whom will work to the end that the next international convention of the order be brought to Canton. The convention meets every four years, and the next meeting will be held in St. Paul, Minn., next year. The place of holding the following convention will be decided at next year's session.

While in Cleveland the visiting members were invited to be the guests of the Cleveland councils next month at a joint initiation, in which a large class from northern Ohio will take part. The Massillon members returned home Sunday evening.

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It has been brought to the notice of Postmaster Koons that frequently the United States mail is delayed by persons carelessly driving their teams and vehicles across the street in front of approaching wagons used in transferring the mail from the railway depots to the postoffice. Mail carriers on foot or mounted have the right of way at all times and any person guilty of retarding either city or rural carriers or drivers employed in the screen wagon service, or obstructing the passage of the mail is liable under the statutes to a fine of one hundred dollars for every offense. The law is important to drivers of vehicles in the city and wherever the rural delivery has been established. Drivers in the screen wagon service have a regular time schedule by which they are required to arrive and depart from the postoffice. The time is based on such a narrow margin that it admits of little delay. If an important train is met the train superintendent is notified by the railway mail service, and unless a good and sufficient reason can be shown for the occurrence an amount in proportion to the importance of the train must be deducted from the contractor's pay check.

Rural carriers are also governed by a time schedule, but what they are most perturbed about at present is the deplorable condition of the roads. The recent rains on clay soil have made many highways almost impassable. Low lands in places are seas of water, while the roads are streaks of deep, clinging mud.

WANT NEXT CONVENTION.

Foresters Went to Cleveland on Sunday.

Eight members of St. Mary's court and St. Paul's court, Catholic Order of Foresters, went to Cleveland Sunday, and there met the advisory committee of the Cleveland councils and were joined in their deliberations by Foresters from Canton Alliance and Sandusky, all of whom will work to the end that the next international convention of the order be brought to Canton. The convention meets every four years, and the next meeting will be held in St. Paul, Minn., next year. The place of holding the following convention will be decided at next year's session.

While in Cleveland the visiting members were invited to be the guests of the Cleveland councils next month at a joint initiation, in which a large class from northern Ohio will take part. The Massillon members returned home Sunday evening.

Want column ads. pay. Try it.

HARTJE LOST CASE.

Judge Refused to Grant His Petition for Divorce.

HELP FOR THE CHRISTMAS FUND

A Concert to be Given Saturday Night.

DESTITUTE FAMILIES FOUND.

Everybody is Asked to Give a Dime for a Concert Ticket—Provisions Sent to the Local Officers Will be Given the Families in Want.

Captain Phillips, the head of the local branch of the Salvation Army, has begun active preparations for the usual Christmas treat to the families in the city dependent upon the Army for a Christmas dinner. The city has been partly covered in a canvass and several needy families have been found. It is expected that other families will be found before Christmas.

The preparations by the Army for this work consists of placing collection boxes in all business places, where the public is asked to make donations; of placing the Salvation Army kettle at the corner of Main and Erie streets in charge of an officer; of making personal appeals for donations and the giving of a concert in Schworm's hall Saturday night, at which time the Salvation Army band of Cleveland will give a concert.

Captain Phillips is trying to cover the city with the sale of tickets for the concert, but he requests that persons desiring to attend the concert or contribute to the Christmas fund by purchasing tickets send him ten cents for each ticket desired. Because of the small number of assistants he feels that it will be almost impossible for him to meet all the citizens before Saturday night. The Cleveland band will be paid its expenses and the balance received will be placed in the Christmas fund. At least twenty-five families will need assistance if they are to enjoy a typical Christmas dinner.

In his trips over the city Captain

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Phillips has found three families in destitute circumstances who are in need of immediate help, especially in the line of provisions. Any provisions sent to the Salvation Army will be given to the families at once. Persons knowing of others in need are at liberty to communicate with Captain Phillips. He desires the hearty cooperation of all citizens, assuring all that the provisions and clothing will find its way to those most in need.

OBITUARY.

MISS MARY BEGERT.

Miss Mary Begert, aged 32 years, died at the Massillon state hospital at 4:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Death was due to exhaustion. The body was sent to Orrville over the Pennsylvania at 2:37 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Interment will be made in the Orrville cemetery Thursday afternoon.

FREDDY MATTHEWS.

Freddy Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Matthews, aged 2 years, died at Painesville Tuesday night. The body will be brought to Massillon Thursday evening and the funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 from the residence of Mrs. Jesse Moltz, 212 North Clay street.

Florida via Washington or Baltimore and Steamer Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Liberal stop-over privileges (Diverse routes after Dec. 16th.) Very low rates. Consult agents.

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\$5.00 Skirts, all wool.....\$2.95
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THURSDAY DECEMBER 13, 1906

The St. Louis Globe Democrat remarks: The erudite New England hunters have shot nineteen of each other since the season opened. Daniel Boone was not much on spelling, but when he "oiled bars" none of his neighbors found it necessary to put on mourning.

Of course the newspapers who are advising the President to "withdraw" his appointment of Mr. Cortelyou to be secretary of the treasury do not expect him to do anything of the kind, and their only object, therefore, is to put their opposition to the appointment on record. Mr. Roosevelt never withdraws, backs down, faces about or vacillates when he has once decided upon the propriety of any act, public or private.

The fact that the postoffice department has issued an order to the effect that all letters directed to Santa Claus this year are to be forwarded to the dead letter office has nothing to do with any question as to the character and reliability of a respected and highly esteemed individual. The only thing which can be held against him is the uncertainty of his address. The postoffice never knows where to find him and as a consequence his mail is apt to accumulate. If the worthy old saint gets wind of this decision in time he will probably take some action concerning it.

Deputy Game Warden Dangelesen traveled to Dalton on Tuesday to assist at the trial by Mayor Price of two offenders against the game laws of Ohio. Because he was more than one hour and five minutes late in reaching the court room the mayor became weary, dismist the defendants and went home to dinner. The deputy game warden relied upon a railroad train to enable him to keep his appointment and the train proved unworthy of the trust. It begins to look as though the too many offenders were going to escape punishment. Mr. Dangelesen should have arrested the railroad.

THE DATES ARE FIXED.

Result of a Conference With the President.

Washington, Dec. 12.—(By Associated Press.)—Senators Aldrich and Spooner have held a conference with the President regarding the nominations now before the Senate. No dates were specified as to when the appointments became effective, and an objection was made. It has been customary heretofore, Aldrich said, to specifically indicate the date and the omission in the present case was apparently an oversight. So far as he was aware, Aldrich said, there was no objection to the confirmation of the nominations. As a result of the conference, the nominations of Cortelyou, Von Meyer and Garfield will be dated to take effect March 4. The nominations of Moody, Bonaparte, Metcalf and Straus will take effect December 24.

The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate: As ambassadors, Henry White to France; Lloyd C. Griscom to Italy; John W. Riddle to Russia; Irving B. Dudley, of California, to Brazil.

The House adopted the concurrent resolution to adjourn for the Christmas holidays December 20, to reconvene January 3.

A Christmas Magazine.

Such will be the splendid illustrated magazine section of next Sunday's World. Artists and writers have vied with each other in producing the handsomest magazine section ever issued. Besides the magazine the funny "comic weekly" and the great new sections, teeming with matter of vital interest, there will be Christmas novelties in color, by Sealsburg, for the amusement of the children—cut-outs, puzzles and games.

Notice.

Sealed bids will be received at the Stark county infirmary until 12 o'clock noon December 20, 1906, for the furnishing of groceries, coal and dressed beef for one year from January 1, 1907, to December 31, 1907. Proposals for the above bill of goods can be received by calling on superintendent at the infirmary. All bids must be addressed to the clerk of the board of directors, Charles E. Jarvis, Box 480, Canton, O.

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OHIO GRANGERS

ARE IN SESSION

The Thirty-third Convention Meets in Canton.

FIVE HUNDRED ARE PRESENT.

Police Have Arrested a Gang of Youthful Burglars, One of Whom Has Confessed—Much Interest in the Trial of Dr. Ball.

Canton, Dec. 11.—With between four hundred and five hundred delegates and visitors in attendance, the thirty-third annual convention of the Ohio State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, convened in the Auditorium in this city at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. The convention was called to order by F. A. Derthick, master of the grange, of Mantua. The roll call of delegates showed that there were fifty-four counties in the state represented. During the day it is expected that other delegates will arrive, as the real business sessions commence Wednesday morning. The grange will be in session three days, the program as prepared by the executive committee providing for adjournment Thursday night.

Patrolman Zimmerman has succeeded in ferreting out the burglars who entered the grocery establishment of J. M. Reese Sunday night, and two of the men have already been placed under arrest. Mart Barnes, living in Erie street, was the first one to be arrested and he confessed to the crime, implicating a number of others. During the evening Detective Ryan and Captain Patterson arrested Charles Dealt on a similar charge. Barnes, who does not appear to be strong mentally, also admitted that it was this bunch of youngsters that broke into the blacksmith shop of Grant Lenz and that they had also visited the Herman grocery store in High street last week. Loyd Lindeman, another one of the suspected burglars, was taken to the police station by Patrolman Zimmerman at noon Tuesday. In the hearing today of Dr. A. C. Ball, of Alliance, the question came up as to whether the dying declarations of the deceased, Elizabeth McGuire, made in the absence, or subsequent to the absence of the accused, could be admitted as a part of the direct evidence in the offense charged. Attorney Upham, the prosecutor, was endeavoring to show by witness the location and the nature of the pain suffered by the woman. The court held that any declaration in the nature of an oration was inadmissible, but any expression or exclamation indicative of suffering or otherwise could be admitted. The case is attracting considerable attention and the court room was crowded with spectators.

Canton, Dec. 12.—The annual meeting of the Ohio State Grange Association is in session in this city with representatives present from fifty-four counties. The delegates were welcomed by Probate Judge C. C. Bow. C. A. Dougherty, president of the board of trade, also offered the city's freedom to the delegates. After a short preliminary session, the regular program was begun with addresses by several prominent Ohioans.

F. A. Derthick, master of the Ohio State Grange, after being introduced, in a very interesting address pleaded for a more equal rate of taxation, claiming that the farmer was paying more than his share of taxes towards maintaining the government of Ohio. He said that there was over twenty billion of dollars invested by the eight million farmers of the United States and the value of the products sent abroad last year was \$1,550,000,000 and that the farmers yielded enough profit to the government in one year to pay the entire cost of the construction of the Panama canal. Mr. Derthick made a strong plea for better roads, and also stated that the next session of the Ohio assembly would be asked to enact a law for a flexible rate of taxation. He closed his speech with a statement that a "man who will die for his country will lie for his taxes."

The address by Judge Henry Harter, "The Farmer and the State," was one of the most masterly addresses ever delivered to an audience in this city. Mr. Harter drew a vivid contrast between the tiller of the soil and the people who made their living in the pursuits of business in the towns and cities, and said that he believed that the farmer underestimated his position in life and for this reason the son and daughter, instead of remaining on the farm, with their parents, drifted away into the city, where excitement and amusements were more frequent. Mr. Harter's address was listened to with the closest attention by the audience, and he received a hearty applause upon the completion of his talk.

John Begg, lecturer of the Ohio State Grange, in an elaborate address recited the objects of the Grange. His talk contained many valuable points which were of interest to those in attendance, and his lecture showed the wisdom of the members of that body in selecting such an able speaker to espouse the principles of the order.

In his opening words State Master Derthick paid a tribute to the city of Canton as having been the home of William McKinley and spoke eloquently in memory of the dead President.

"In the throts of this man his country was first and himself last," said the speaker, "As a result of his great unselfishness and patriotism posterity will confer upon him the title of benefactor, and his name will be written in the book of time as one who loved his fellowmen."

The speaker mentioned several things which the Grange will require at the hands of the lawmakers. Chief among these will be a request for legislation favorable to a new adjustment of the tax system. He spoke in favor of the inheritance tax and said that the franchise of the state should be recognized as property and taxed accordingly.

Mr. Derthick concluded with an earnest appeal to every granger to be alive to his interests and to the interests of the farmers at large by urging and co-operating locally in the Grange views of legislation.

A committee on juvenile granges and a committee on taxation were created during the session Tuesday. Mrs. C. E. Harris was made chairman of the first and the Hon. R. W. Dunlap of the taxation committee.

Canton, Dec. 12.—Interest in the proceedings of the Ohio State Grange convention is beginning to center about the election of officers, which is scheduled to take place Thursday afternoon. While worthy Master F. A. Derthick stated to a reporter that he is not a candidate for re-election to another term of two years, it is claimed by some of the delegates that an effort will be made to again place him at the head of the organization and that he has many supporters. To an outsider it looks very much as if the capable worthy master was what is termed a reconvert candidate. According to the information gleaned from delegates who are opposed to the re-election of Mr. Derthick, several prominent members have been suggested for the office. Among them are John Begg, the present state lecturer; R. W. Dunlap, state dairy and food commissioner-elect, and the Hon. T. C. Laylin, of Norwalk. Whether all of the men will be presented or any of them it is a little premature to predict. They are, however, being talked of as possible candidates. C. M. Freeman, of Tippicanoe City, it is stated, will not be a candidate for re-election as state secretary. Mr. Freeman is also national secretary, and delegates talked today to say that there will be a half dozen or more candidates for the position of secretary. The position of worthy master carries with it a salary of \$300 per annum, and that of secretary has a salary of \$400 per annum attached. John Begg, the present state lecturer, receives a salary of \$150 a year and expenses. Should he enter the race for worthy master a scramble to succeed him would be quite likely. The convention was in session three hours Tuesday morning, during which time the reports of the educational and executive committees were discussed.

Just before beginning Wednesday morning's session of the case charging Dr. A. C. Ball, of Alliance, with abortion, word was brought Judge Harter in court room No. 1 that the wife of Jurymen W. D. Oberlin, living near Dalton, was suffering from an attack of pneumonia. The juror immediately ascertained the severity of Mrs. Oberlin's condition from the family physician. It was found to be such that he departed for home. This necessitated the continuation of the trial until Thursday morning, or whenever the juror can be permitted to return to his duties, as it is impossible to try a criminal case without the constitutional number being in the panel.

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West Brookfield, Dec. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. John Baltzer, of this place, were Cleveland visitors on Sunday.
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John Brenner, of Huntington, Ind., who has spent several days with friends and relatives here, returned to his home yesterday.
Miss Minnie Zorger and Mrs. Alcorn, of Massillon, spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McIntosh.

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Newman, Dec. 12.—William Rummins is busy erecting a new addition to his home.

Miss Jennie Morgan, of New Philadelphia, visited the Prosser family from Saturday until Monday.

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West Brookfield, Dec. 10.—Miss Grace Feichter spent Sunday in Elton. Mrs. Ida Brain, Miss Addie Raber and Miss Frances Friend spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary Friend, of Canton.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Susan Clapper was held from the family residence at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon, the Rev. N. E. Moffit and the Rev. Mr. Williams officiating. The body was placed in the receiving vault at the Massillon cemetery.

RHODES.

Rhodes, Dec. 11.—The mines are working fairly well of late.
The schools are progressing nicely. No steps have yet been taken to organize a literary society.

Myers' Sunday school will hold Christmas exercises this year on Christmas evening. A splendid program is being arranged, one to exceed all previous years. It has been erroneously stated in another paper that no services would be held, but unless the labors of all the members are in vain, the audience which leaves the church Christmas night will say that they have never been better entertained.

A spiritualistic meeting was held at the home of John Albright Friday night, which was fairly well attended.

The basket ball team is progressing nicely. Heavy practice was held Sunday afternoon. The Patch Tigers, who claim the cut-out-town championship, have disbanded, having lost but three games the entire season.

Myers' Sunday school requests all persons taking part in the Christmas entertainment to be present Tuesday evening at 7:30 prompt.

Mr. and Mrs. Doll, of Massillon, visited at the home of Mrs. Doll's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Albright, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weller were the guests of Miss Elizabeth Graber, Sunday.

There will be preaching services at Myers' church next Sunday at 2:30, the Rev. W. S. Adams officiating.

BUNKER HILL.

Bunker Hill, Dec. 11.—Rural mail carriers have plenty of company, viz., rain, snow and sleet.

William Breninger returned from Chicago last Tuesday with a car load of fine stock cattle.

Harry Marchand and Benjamin Gosaker, jr., are helping I. P. Carmichael to bale hay, near Dundee.

Mrs. W. S. Lash and son were in Massillon Saturday.

Literaries are beginning to spring up over the country at the various school houses.

School teachers will soon have an opportunity to open their hearts toward their scholars.

ELTON.

Elton, Dec. 11.—Miss Ruth McFarren, of Five Points, was the guest of Miss Grace Oplinger over Sunday.

Mrs. Ed. Swihart and children visited Mrs. C. Hensel at Smoketown, Sunday.

Mrs. E. D. Houghman, of Fulton, returned home last Thursday, after a week's visit with relatives here.

E. S. McFarren is on the sick list this week.

A. R. Harrod had his foot badly crushed at the West Lebanon mine last Friday.

Frank Gibbs, of West Virginia, came home last week to spend the winter with his brother, Bishop Gibbs.

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held their annual settlement meeting at Canal Fulton last Friday and the expense for the township is much more satisfactory than for several years past. Under the new road law the trustees divided the township into three districts and appointed A. Arntz as superintendent in district No. 1, Joseph Prater in district No. 2 and William Murray in district No. 3. The supervisors closed their accounts, drew their salaries and surrendered their positions to the road superintendents.

James A. Weidner and family are busy packing their household effects and expect to leave Newman Thursday for Albion, Mich., where Mr. Weidner has secured employment, and will make that place their future home.

Henry Wintner, of Massillon, is doing some fancy paper hanging and decorating in our village this week.

The first of April will bring a great many changes among our farmer friends in Lawrence township.

MT. EATOR.

Mt. Eator, Dec. 12.—The community was saddened to learn of the sudden death of little Lucy A. Schaffer, daughter of Paul Schaffer, on Saturday morning, December 8, of brain fever. The sprightly young girl of 12 years was loved dearly by her parents and brothers and sisters, and by a throng of friends, and she was considered the rosebud in the household. Many friends offer their deepest and heartfelt sympathy in their irreparable loss. Yet we can say to them there is consolation to give her up to dwell in God's beautiful garden on high and to think of the poet's words:

All that's bright must fade,
The brightest still the fleetest.
All that's sweet was made
To be lost when sweetest.

But in immortal bloom she'll be found again.

M. T. C. S.

THE GAME LAW CASE DISMIST.

Deputy Dangelesen Late in Reaching Court.

(TRESPASSING WAS ALLEGED.)

Mayor Price, of Dalton, Waited

for Mr. Dangelesen an Hour and Then Dismist the Case and Entered the Dismissal on the Court's Records.

Mayor Price, of Dalton, when acting as judge in a state case, does not believe in keeping court open for the arrival of state officers, as was shown Tuesday morning when the case brought by State Deputy Warden Dangelesen, of Massillon, against John Caldwell and Abraham Erich was up or trial. Mayor Price dismist the case upon the failure of Deputy Dangelesen to arrive in court at the hour appointed for the trial.

The defendants were arrested several days ago upon the charge of trespassing upon land owned by A. M. Buchwalter, living a mile north of Dalton. Mr. Buchwalter made the complaint to Deputy Dangelesen and he took up the case at once. The trial was set for Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock in Mayor Price's court in Dalton. At the appointed time the defendants, their friends and attorneys and the court with its official attaches were ready long before the appointed hour. At 10 o'clock Deputy Dangelesen was in Massillon waiting for the Wheeling & Lake Erie passenger train to convey him to the seat of alleged infraction and misconduct. The train was late and the lateness worried the state officer. Inquiries brought the information that the train would be late here. When it did come it seemed to continue to Dalton at an unseemly low rate in Deputy Dangelesen's estimation, and when he arrived in court the court's clock had long struck the hour of 11.

He was then informed that the court, the defendants and a number of spectators had waited until 11:05 o'clock for his appearance, and as he failed to enter the court room at that time Judge Price dismist the case and permitted the defendants to pursue their freedom and untrammelled liberty as they saw fit. The dismissal was entered upon the court's records and there was nothing left for Deputy Dangelesen to do but to wait in Dalton for a return train to Massillon.

The outcome of the case has not been announced. It is possible for Deputy Dangelesen to take the case before the courts at Wooster and swear out new warrants for the arrest of the alleged offenders. This was to be the first trial resulting from alleged violations of the game laws in the season just closed in which Deputy Dangelesen was interested.

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PREPARE FOR

BETTER ROADS

State Appropriation Will Soon be Available.

IT MUST BE ASKED FOR SOON.

Perry Township Failed to Secure the County's Portion This Year—Next Year's is Desired by Those Favoring Better Highways.

"Now is the time to take up the good roads movement," said Clark Matger Wednesday, while in conversation with a number of citizens in favor of better highways leading into Massillon. The Massillon Good Roads Association has not been very active during the past few months, but it will take up the question again this winter in spite of the fact that its desires were not accomplished one year ago when the organization was formed under the direction of a number of men interested in this work in all parts of the United States.

Under the provisions of a law enacted by the last legislature \$150,000 will become available next year in Ohio for making good roads. This amount is to be divided equally among the counties. A county's proportion must be used in a lump sum and it will be given to any township, the trustees of which make a determined effort to secure the appropriation. A good start was made by Perry township last year for the county's portion, but because of a little delay the appropriation for Stark county was given to Canton township to improve the road along the "Narrows" between North Industry and Howenstein.

The idea of starting the movement in Massillon at present is to have matters shaped up in time to be in a position to secure next year's appropriation for Perry township. The coming year will see many changes made in the officials governing the country roads. By the provisions of the new road law, which went into effect on December 1, the trustees will appoint district supervisors, who will be held responsible for the work done, the care of machinery and the getting out of the residents to work out the poll tax.

The Perry township trustees built three pieces of stone road last summer, but some of the persons associated with the good roads movement feel that this work was not done as it should have been for several reasons. The members of the good roads association feel that a grade must be established before the work is begun, that only stone should be used for the foundation and that dirt and gravel should not be ground up with boulders when material is being prepared for the improved highway. The work of the trustees was watched by several interested in better roads and the advice given the trustees at times caused no little exchange of words as to who was doing the work and how it should be done.

Some of the officers of the Massillon Good Roads Association are ready to take up the work for better highway providing a friendly spirit is shown by all who should be interested in making better highways leading into the city.

WILL ENFORCE THE LAW.

Measures to be Taken by the French Government.

Paris, Dec. 12.—(By Associated Press.)—The day of grace to the churches of Paris in execution of law providing for the separation of church and state postpones until tomorrow the measures for its enforcement. The delay, however, has only served to increase the excitement caused by the expulsion from France, yesterday, of Monsignor Montagnini, secretary of the papal nunciature at Paris. Prosecutions have been begun against three abbots of the churches where the greatest resistance to the taking of inventories occurred, and it has been decided to immediately take over the buildings belonging to the ecclesiastics, to stop all pensions to clergy, to compel aspirants to the priesthood to fulfil their military obligations, and if necessary, to treat the clergy as subjects of a foreign power. This constitutes a sufficient demonstration of the spirit with which the government intends to meet resistance.

The government has accepted the application of M. Marinest, editor of the Renaissance, and Felix Robin for permission, under the public meetings law of 1881, to hold religious meetings in all churches, as being compliant with the law. In other words, steps will be taken to provide for the legalization of Catholic services in the churches of Paris tomorrow. The application was made on their own initiative. Later their action was approved by Cardinal Richard.

COPPER KILLS GERMS.

Metal Said to Possess Great Power to Repel Disease.

Copper is a marvelous preventive of disease. If we returned to the old copper drinking vessels of our forefathers, typhoid epidemics would disappear, writes a filtration expert in the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Examine a copper cent under the microscope and you will find it altogether free from disease germs. Examine gold and silver coins and you will find them one wriggling and contorting germ mass. Yet copper coins pass through dirtier hands than gold and silver ones. You'd think they'd be alive with micro organisms. But no. Copper kills germs. Diphtheria and cholera cultures smeared on a copper cent die in less than two hours.

The workers in the Revere copper works during the last epidemic of cholera in Massachusetts were immune, though friends and relatives fell on all sides of them. Why were they immune? The copper, with its strange power over disease germs, protected them.

Water alive with cholera and typhoid germs has been placed for an experiment in copper vessels, and after standing seven hours this water has been found safe to drink—every germ dead.

We should return to copper drinking vessels. Furthermore, canteens for the use of soldiers and sailors in the tropics, where cholera abounds, should be lined with copper, and thus many a young man's life would be saved.

Copper in the form of copper sulphate will kill off typhoid germs in reservoirs and great bodies of water. It has frequently done so without harming the drinking qualities of the water in any way.

CONCERNING CANCER.

White Races and Meat Eaters Most Prone to the Disease.

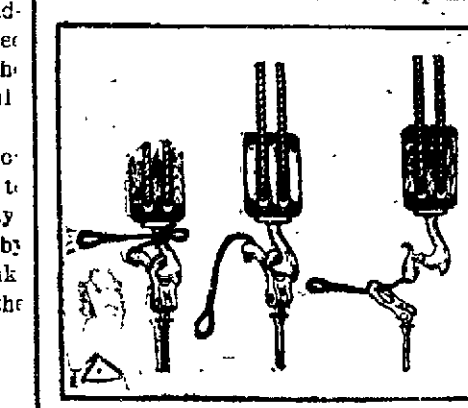
William Seaman Bainbridge in the Medical Record states that cancer occurs with the same essential characteristics throughout the vertebrate creation. There is a variety of conflicting evidence in reference to the influence of diet on the development of cancer. However, cancer is comparatively rare in hot countries, especially in those whose inhabitants subsist largely on vegetable diet. With certain exceptions it seems to be prevalent where animal diet is mostly consumed.

Black races are remarkably immune from cancer, yellow races are more prone to it, while the white races are the most susceptible. It occurs when the tissues are undergoing retrograde metamorphosis. Cancer is undoubtedly on the increase. The principal increase involves the alimentary tract. There are certain districts called "cancer belts." Such areas are usually long lying and damp.

Women are attacked by cancer far earlier and more often than men. Much recent experimental work points to the cell as the essential element in the development of cancer. The parasite theory is discredited by the Harvard commission. The report of the imperial cancer research fund destroys all known theories of the origin of cancer, but proposes no new theory. Surgical treatment has been established on a firmer basis than ever before.

Releasing Hook For Ships' Boats.

It is said by sailors that there is no more important part of a ship's equipment than the releasing hook which forms a part of the gear by which the small boats are lowered. The ship may



ACTION OF RELEASING HOOK.

voyage for months, sailing thousands of miles, with no occasion to use a small boat. Then an emergency occurs in which every second counts, to say nothing of the danger of launching while a heavy sea is running which may smash the boat to splinters. From time to time improvements have been made in releasing hooks. The latest improvement, which is being adopted by large steamer companies and navies, is shown in the cut. A quick jerk on the small rope effects the release in an instant.

Raising Crops by Electricity.

By spreading currents from a static electrical machine over a plot of growing carrots Professor Lemstrom of Helsingfors, according to B. Tolkdorf in the Leipzig Illustrirte Zeitung, has increased the yield by 30 per cent during the first year and 90 per cent in succeeding years as compared with similar plots not electrically treated. On small parcels of land experiments with potatoes, the currents being generated in the earth by means of copper and zinc plates sunk at intervals and connected by insulated wires above the growing vines, have recorded an increased yield of from 60 to 100 per cent.

Welds Glass and Copper.

Edward Egan of Lee county says that after experimenting for three years he has learned the secret not only of welding copper, but glass as well, for centuries. The invention is a success will enable all telephone, telegraph, electric light and trolley companies to weld their copper wire instead of brazing it. Broken pieces of plate glass can also be welded, saving heavy loss in that direction.

PRESIDENT AS A STOKER.

Showered What He Could Do With the Shovel on a Warship.

President Roosevelt made himself solid with the crew of the battleship Louisiana the other morning while on his way home from Panama by going down into the fire room of the ship and firing one of the boilers.

The story was related at Newport News, Va., by one of the ship's firemen on shore leave while the Louisiana was in port for coal, says the New York Sun.

According to the story, the president expressed to Captain Couden and other officers of the ship a desire to go down among the firemen and the stokers, so he was unceremoniously escorted down the ladder into the dark and grimy fire room, where the heat is excessive.

After shaking hands all around and watching the firemen shovel coal into the big furnaces the president thought he would like to try his hand at the game. So he was supplied with a shovel, introduced to the coal pile and invited to shovel away. The door of the furnace under No. 3 boiler of No. 3 fire room was thrown open, and the hot blast from within struck the head of the nation full in the face.

He turned to the coal pile, resolutely buried his shovel up to the handle, swung on it like a veteran and made a powerful heave toward the yawning furnace mouth, hungering for fuel.

A sudden lurch of the ship upset all calculations, however, and the shot went wide of the mark. Instead of going into the open door the coal struck hard against the furnace plate and rattled upon the floor. The president laughed heartily at the failure of his first effort and returned to the attack with renewed vigor.

The second shovelful found its mark and was devoured before the president had time to lower his shovel. He repeated the performance with the same success, and beaming through drops of perspiration he proudly received the congratulations of the regular firemen. He then shook hands all around again and climbed back to the deck.

Chief Engineer Crank has preserved the shovel with which the president worked and is going to send it to Mr. Roosevelt as a souvenir of the occasion.

JOKE ON LONGWORTH.

Why Congressman Couldn't Treat Visitors to Cigars From Humidor.

Representative Nicholas Longworth, son-in-law of the president, had some visitors at his home in Washington a few days ago, says a special dispatch to the New York World.

"Have a cigar," said Mr. Longworth, wishing to do the honors of his home. He went to his cigar humidor, a big, handsome one that stands in his office. "I have got some of the best cigars here you ever smoked. You will enjoy them."

The door of the humidor was locked. Mr. Longworth searched through his pockets and could not find the key. He looked on his desk. It was not there. Then he ran for the butler.

"Open that humidor, please," said Mr. Longworth when the servant came in. The butler stood on one foot and then on the other.

"Beg pardon, sir," he said, "but Mrs. Longworth has the key to that case."

Farming by Mail.

Farming by mail is one of the late novelties. The plan is to have the agricultural department of the state universities arrange for a four years' correspondence course, each year taking up its special phase of agricultural work, the correspondence to be based on text books supplied by monthly bulletins and practical experiments, says the Chicago Tribune. On the practical side the student is to set aside one acre upon which he can demonstrate and observe, keeping accurate account of results upon this acre and reporting to the university. An annual meeting at the state farms is contemplated. The plan is to be without charge beyond a small enrollment fee as evidence of good faith.

Chicago Beautiful.

[Under the auspices of the Merchants' club a movement for a Chicago beautiful has been inaugurated. Under the supervision of Daniel H. Burnham plans are to be prepared, completion of which it is estimated will take two or three years.] Paris, prepare to hide thy head in shame. Berlin, for all thy latter day improvement.

Thy beauties soon will be eclipsed in fame.

In view of this our new aesthetic movement.

Vienna, Rome, no longer may ye vie With Venice or such old artistic staples. Tourists will see Chicago and then die Without the trouble of a trip to Naples. We mean to primp regardless of expense. The plans will all be ready two years hence.

Marvels of architecture built to last; No exposures, stucco evanescent; Reversions in arrangement to the past In house fringed circus, terrace, square and crescent.

Fair, verdant lawns—where of the noon-day sun

The gloom accustomed toiler now no ray sees

Not here and there occasionally one. But hundreds of such flower decked oases.

Beauty will then the downtown streets invade—

Just wait two years until the plans are made.

Bridges of marble o'er a crystal stream, Arcades, kiosks, statues, triumphal arches,

Domes, minarets and spires—of these we dream

And of clean streets, if progress thus far marches;

Of smokeless chimneys we need not despair

When use with ornament we are combining.

We can't be very pretty if the air Necessitates a daily halsomizing.

Well, we can wait a little anyhow; We'll see the plans a year or two from now.

—Chicago News.

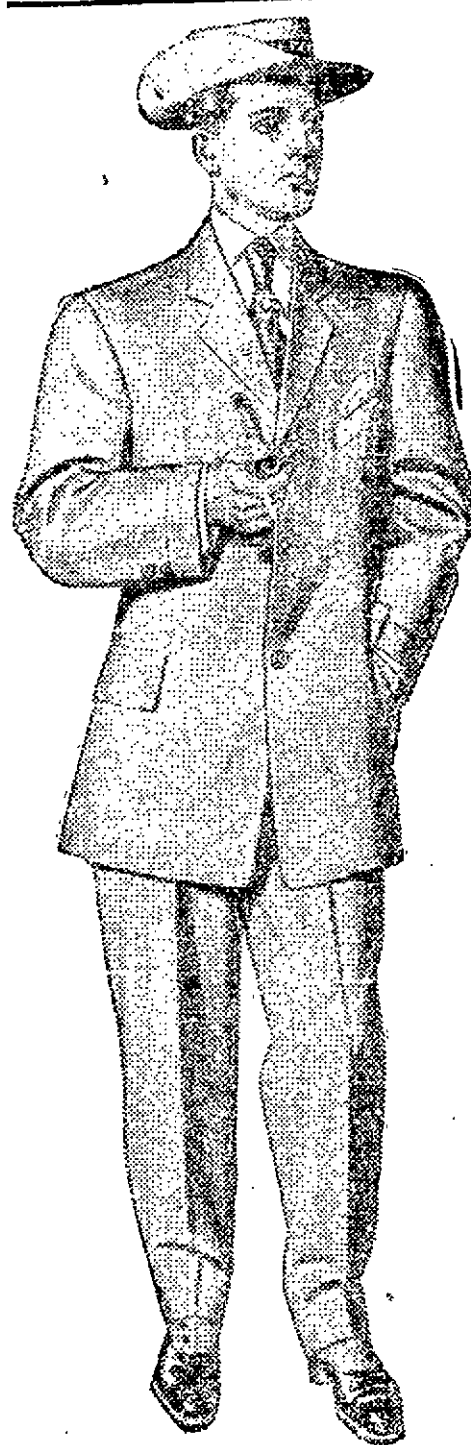
Dielhenn's Annual Holiday Sale

Is welcomed by every one, and especially by those who are looking for useful Christmas Presents. The Xmas shopper will find here thousands of beautiful gifts in

Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing and Furnishings, Ladies' Walking Skirts, Petticoats and Furnishings.

\$40,000 worth of this stock has been bought from manufacturers who adopt the method semi-annually of closing out their entire stock, and we have bought many of these lines at less than the cost of raw material. So no one who wants Honest, Dependable Merchandise, and to be dealt with fair and square, can afford to miss this sale.

READ THE ANNEXED PRICES CAREFULLY:



Men's and Boys' Suits.

New, Stylish, Dependable Suits for Little Money is What This Sale Means in This Department.

\$10.00 buys Men's and Boys' fine all wool Suits, hand padded shoulders, hair cloth fronts, made of worsteds, Scotchies and chevots, not one worth less than \$15.00, Holiday sale price **\$10.00**.

\$15.00 buys Men's and Boys' finest ready-to-wear tailor-made Clothing. Every suit guaranteed; are made in all the newest and best materials, regularly worth \$20.00 to \$22.00, this sale **\$15.00**.

\$7.50 buys Men's fine all wool worsted Suits, worth \$10.00 to \$12.00, all sizes and plenty of them, **\$7.50**.

\$5.00 buys Boys' all wool Suits, well made, nobby styles; these suits are worth \$8.50 to \$10.00, all sizes, in this sale **\$5.00**.

Men's, Boys' and Children's Overcoats.

\$15.00 buys Men's and Boys' nobby French back Overcoats, the finest tailor-made ready-to-wear coats in the market; they are worth \$20.00 to \$22.50, this sale **\$15.00**.

\$10.00 buys Men's and boys' fine tailor-made Overcoats, swell styles and patterns, these coats are \$15 and \$16 values, **\$10.00**.

\$15.00 buys Men's Swagger Rain Coats—the finest tailor-made coats on the market, in blacks and fancy patterns, are sold in Massillon at \$20 and \$22.50, our price **\$15.00**.

\$7.50 buys Men's and Boys' all wool Overcoats, made in oxfords, chevots, kerseys and meltons, all colors, are worth \$12.50, our price **\$7.50**.

\$3.50 buys Boys' long warm Overcoats, well made, velvet collars, all sizes, worth \$5, Holiday price **\$3.50**.

\$3.00 buys Children's beautiful long stylish wool Overcoats,

have two rows of brass buttons, fancy design on sleeve and belt,—others ask \$5, our price **\$3.00**.

\$2.00 buys Children's long swell wool Overcoats, have two rows brass buttons and are worth up to \$3.50, sale price **\$2.00**.

98c buys Children's warm blue Chinchilla Overcoats, velvet collars, are worth \$2, our price as long as they last **98c**.

Remarkable Values in Our Children's Suit Dep't.

\$6.00 buys the nobbyest Boys' Knee Pants Suits that were ever handled in the city; are worth \$8.50 to \$10, sale price **\$6.00**.

\$3.50 buys Children's fine all wool Dress Suits, sold the world over for \$5, Holiday price **\$3.50**.

\$2.50 buys all wool Suits in double breasted, sizes 8 to 16 years, worth \$3.50 to \$4, priced **\$2.50**.

One lot of 3-Piece Suits, sizes 3 to 6 years, worth \$5, Holiday sale price **\$1.48**.

Children's Knee Pants, good weight, worth 25c to 39c, sale price **15c**.

Children's warm Silk Plush Caps with pull down, are worth 39c, go in this sale at **9c**.

Men's and Boys' Pants.

Men's finest Dress Pants, in through and through Worsteds and Scotchies, patent takeup, worth \$6 to \$7, this sale **\$4.50**.

Men's fine Dress Pants, all the new styles and fabrics, worth \$5, this sale **\$3.00**.

Ladies' Department.

VISIT OUR LADIES' DEPARTMENT, SECOND FLOOR, Home of the Hy-Art Petticoats. You will find values there that no other store can compete with. This is made possible by reason of our manufacturing most of the goods ourselves.

Walking Skirts—One lot of 150 Walking Skirts in all wool material, sold from \$5.00 to \$8.00, sale price **\$1.98** and **\$2.98**

Ladies' Walking Skirts, nicely made, plain gores, single and box pleats in Panama, worsteds and Scotch plaids, all colors, worth \$10.00 to \$12.00, sale price **\$7.00**

We are showing an immense assortment of Ladies' and Misses' **Walking Skirts**, made of brilliantine, Panama, and all cloth materials of grey, blue, brown and black, special price **\$3.00**

Petticoats Ladies' Mercerized Petticoats, made with pleated and ruffled flounces, in all colors, worth \$2.00 priced here **\$1.00**

Ladies' and Misses' deep flounce petticoats made with ribbed top, worth from \$1.50 to \$3.50, priced here **\$1, \$1.25, \$2.50**

"Heatherbloom" Petticoats made in the newest styles, direct from factory to customer, priced from **\$2.50 to \$5.00**

Silk Petticoats made in green, blue and brown shades, worth \$5, sale price **\$2.98**

One Special Lot of Silk Petticoats in all colors, worth \$6.50 to \$7, priced here **\$3.98**

250 Heavy Taffeta Silk Petticoats, made in all styles and colors, prices from **\$4.98 to \$12**

Petticoats, Knee Jerseys, fancy stripes, all wool, for **25c, 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.25**

Ladies' Misses' and Children's Underwear, heavy fleeced, worth 35c, priced **25c**

Fascinators and Shoulder Shawls, all wool yarns, in black, white and fancy colors, just the thing for Xmas Presents, prices during this sale **25c, 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.25**

Hosiery—Our stock of Hosiery is complete. Ladies' heavy double fleeced hose, the 20c kind **10c**

Ladies', Misses' and Children's ribbed fleeced Hose, the 25c kind, Holiday price **15c**

Women's, Misses', Boys' and Children's Wool Hose, worth 39c, at **25c**

Xmas Kerchiefs, consisting of embroidery, hemstitch and lace edgings, sale price **5c, 10c, 15c, 25c and 50c**

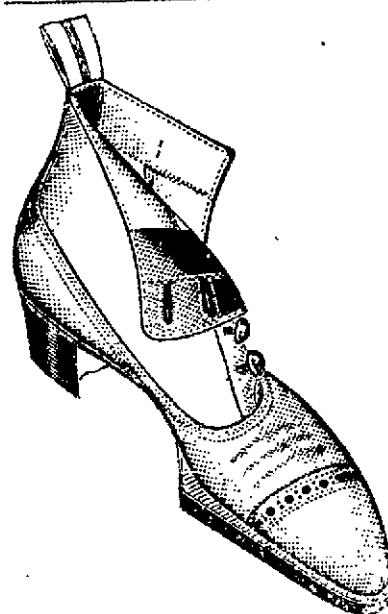
Hose Supporters. We have for sale the Diana, Venus supporters for ladies worth 50c, will be sold for **25c**

The Largest and Best Line of Ladies' Shirt Waists in the City from **39c to \$8.80**

Hoods Infants' Angora Hoods, white and grey colors, trimmed with silk stitchings and ribbon **75c to \$1.50**

A Suitable Christmas Present for any Lady—FURS for Women and Children, in Sets or in Separate Pieces at Prices that will interest any Person. Come Early and avoid the Xmas Rush.

Wonderful Values in Our Mammoth Shoe Department.



Ladies' Gun Metal Calf Shoes, Blucher or button, college cut, welt soles, narrow toe, sold at \$3.50, special sale price **\$2.89**

One lot of Ladies' Patent Colt Shoes, button or Blucher and college cuts, welt sole, narrow toe, worth \$3.50, sale price **\$2.89**

One lot of Ladies' Dongola Shoes, lace, patent tip, kid lined, heavy soles. This shoe always sold at \$2.50, special price **\$1.89**

Old Ladies' Warm Shoes, leather, foxed cloth tops, plain toe, sold at \$1.50, sale price **98c**

200 pairs of Ladies' good Rubbers, the 50c kind, will sell for Saturday, only at **40c**

We carry the largest and most complete line of Overgaiters and Leggings in the city; prices ranging from **50c to \$1.50**

Misses' Box Calf School Shoes, all solid, lace, worth \$1.50, now **\$1.19**

Men's Shoes, best patent colt, hand welt soles, lace, button or Blucher cut; these shoes sold at \$3.50, special price **\$2.89**

Men's Box Calf, or Velour Calf Shoes, heavy soles, lace or Blucher, hand sewed welt, worth \$3.50, now in this sale **\$2.69**

Don't forget about your **HOLIDAY SLIPPERS**—We have the finest and best line that ever came to this city; prices from **50c to \$2.00**

Infants' Soft Sole Shoes, in all colors, button or lace, the 35c kind, sale price **19c**

SPECIAL—Ladies! Booth's best Ideal Patent Kid Shoes, lace or button, heavy or light sole, bright or mat kid tops, all sizes and widths, regular price \$3.50, sale price **\$2.89**

One lot of Men's high grade Shoes, the \$5 and \$6 kinds, in

patent kid vici or patent calf stocks, they are all hand sewed welts and go in this sale at **\$3.48**

Ladies' fine dongola Dress Shoes, lace, patent tip, regular price \$1.50, sale price **89c**

Men's Fine Box Calf, or Vici Kid Shoes, Goodyear welt, lace, heavy double soles, extension edge, real value, \$3.50, will go now at **\$2.50**

Child's Good Rubbers, sizes 5 to 10½, regular price 35c, sale price **25c**

Ladies' fine Dongola Shoes, lace or Blucher, patent tip, heavy sole, regular price \$2, now **\$1.40**

One lot of Boys' best hand sewed enamel Shoes, mat calf, lace, heavy double soles, sizes 2½ to 4, regular \$3 grade, sale price **\$1.89**

Men's fine imitation Alligator Slippers, worth 75c, sale price **40c**

Men's One Buckle Artics, bright finish, the kind that sells at \$1.50, special sale price **\$1.10**

The Dielhenn Co. The Store That Gives You the Goods It Advertises.

The Fire Escape

By KATHERINE GLOVER

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THE girl crept out on to the fire escape and lifted her face to the cool night. It was good to be out in the open after that stuffy back hall bedroom. The fire escape gave a glimpse of only a patch of the heavens, but the stars were the same that looked down over the home she had come from, and they seemed to draw her closer to it. She pressed her face against the cold iron bars and looked up blunkingly. A sob clogged in her throat. A lump near her made her turn suddenly, and she saw a man sitting in the window next that opened



"IS IT HOMESICKNESS?" HE ASKED.

on to the same fire escape. The girl made a quick move to go in, but the man spoke, and she paused.

"Is it homesickness?" he asked quietly.

Something in his voice made the tears well up in her eyes, so that she could only nod her head and smile wearily.

"How did you guess?" she asked after a moment.

"I used to have it, and I know."

"It is very silly," said the girl, "but the nights seem to clutch one so."

"I used to cure myself by getting the gloomiest book I could lay hands on and reading it until I was so steeped in melancholy and darkness that it would grow positively funny."

"The girl laughed and mopped away the tears."

"I have fine theories I wrap about me in bright hours—theories discouraging all such atmospheric things as homesickness and the blues—but they only act like little demons to mock me when a genuine spell of homesickness comes on."

"Fighting always makes it worse," he said.

This man with his friendliness was like a tonic to the girl. The two talked on obliviously. It seemed perfectly natural that he should emerge suddenly and sit there chatting away her moodiness with his easy chatter. He was the first person she had really talked to since she came to New York a few weeks ago, and in the pleasantness of the conversation she let his sympathetic questions lead her on to talk about her work, her ambitions and her plans. They sat chatting half an hour or more when the girl made a move to go. She held out her hand to the stranger. "Thank you for curing my homesickness," she said frankly.

"I shall understand whether you really approve of my prescription if you let me know the next time the same malady threatens you."

There was a comfortable, warm little feeling in the girl's heart as she crept back into her room, the pleasant tingle that follows a talk with some one that understands. In the plain, staring sunlight of the next morning her experience of the fire escapes seemed very improbable and absurd, but the memory of it brought a gladness that lasted all day while she worked away at a story she was writing. It was good to know that there was one friendly soul in the big lonesome city, even if he were a shadowy specter that came out of the night and had probably vanished into nothingness. But in the afternoon when she went to the window to look out she found an evidence of the reality of her ghost in a white mug with a bunch of violets in it. She reached out for them greedily and buried her face in their fragrant depths. On the handle of the mug was a card with the words, "For the little homesick lady of the fire escape, from her next door neighbor."

Her heart thumped so that if there had been any homesickness in it at that moment it would surely have spilled out.

Every day there was some further token from her next door neighbor—a bunch of flowers, a big rose apple or maybe a jolly little note—which the girl returned thanks for in a few

words, but she didn't crawl out on the fire escape any more. Late one afternoon as she sat in her room, just on the outskirts of loneliness, she heard a tapping on the glass and looked up to find a note poked under the window ledge.

"I've a feeling that you are homesick again," it ran. "At any rate, it is too good an afternoon to waste indoors, so your doctor orders you to take a brisk walk in Riverside park in good company. Be ready at the corner in fifteen minutes. No wry faces or rebellion, and the doctor will beg the good fairy to bring you the very thing you want most."

There was nobody to know or care, and she did love the sunset on the river. She hurried into her coat, stopped and ruffled her hair becomingly about her face, donning her hat and veil. She could hear the man thumping about in the next flat. She looked at her watch. It was just ten minutes. It would be fun to get there first and slip away, giving him a chase. When she had gone some distance she heard some one running and looked around, to see a man coming up at her side. "That wasn't playing fair," he said.

He was tall and lithe, with good, clear features and frank eyes that were dancing with fun as they looked down at the girl. She felt suddenly small and childish. She laughed up at him.

They turned into Riverside park and made their way along the path nearest the river. High up in the park near the big gray tomb they sought a bench. The sun had just sunk, a fiery golden ball behind the misty green bank across the river, and the whole scene was wrapped in a soft cloak of glowing orange. They sat in silence a few moments, the girl leaning forward, her chin in her two hands, elbows resting on the rail in front of her. She had had a hard day, drifting about in search of editors that were entrenched behind impenetrable battlements of office boys and tightly closed doors. The only one she had succeeded in seeing had been disagreeable about her story and had dilated to her on the overcrowded condition of the literary market. Her companion resorted to a little probing and finally succeeded in getting his patient to tell him the story of her day's ills.

"It must be glorious," she said when she had finished, "to be a great, successful author, so as to be able to dictate terms to these puffed up editors that love to crush budding genius."

"It must be," said the man, with a quiet smile. "And now tell me what your story is about."

The girl drifted easily into the little romance she had woven, quoting whole paragraphs now and then from memory. When she came to the end the man looked up quickly. "That seems to me a good story. The editor turned it down, you say?"

"Yes, without flinching," she said, with a laugh that tried to be unconcerned.

"Will you meet me here tomorrow afternoon and let me read the manuscript?"

The girl agreed. The little stroke of approbation smoothed her ruffled vanity considerably. The next afternoon the walk was repeated, and the man read her manuscript—read it aloud to her. It seemed really good to her as she listened to his interpretation. For the first time she got a perspective on it. As he folded it and slipped the manuscript into his pocket the man turned to the girl and looked at her closely a moment. "That's way above the average story," he said.

The girl blushed with pleasure at the sincerity of the compliment and looked away. Somehow his judgment seemed to count.

"I have a friend who is one of your ogle editors, and I am going to send this to him if you will let me," he said. The girl's heart beat high with hope. This man had a way of smoothing out the wrinkles in one's way and inspiring one with courage and faith. The walks became almost daily events in the lives of the two next door neighbors. They sought out new routes, though Riverside always remained the favorite, and sometimes they would wind up their strolls with a dinner at some quiet, unfrequented little cafe. Once there was a visit to the theater, another evening a concert and other pleasures that no longer left room for homesickness in the life of the girl. By mutual agreement they continued to make the fire escape their medium of communication, and neither learned the other's name. They were just "neighbor" to each other, which was the man's suggestion. It was an easy, odd sort of friendship they slipped into unquestioningly, accepting it as naturally as children do good gifts.

Three weeks passed before the man said anything more about the manuscript of her story. One evening as they sat at dinner almost hidden in one corner of a cafe behind tall shrubbery he handed her a note, which read:

Dear Bob—Where did you come across that story, and who is the mysterious, unknown writer? It is a good story. I am going to rush it in the Christmas number and should like to speak for any more you can secure from the same source if they are as well written. It really is an excellently handled thing. I enclose check to you, as you do not give the name or address of the author. Yours, SIDNEY HENDERSON.

The girl looked at the name of the magazine printed on the stationery and gave a little excited gasp. A lump came in her throat for a moment. It seemed almost too good to be true. She stretched out her hand to her neighbor across the table and looked her thanks. The wonder of it awed her into silence.

While they sat after dinner, listening to the music, the girl looked up once to meet the gaze of a man at a table across the cafe. He was scanning

them closely and finally came over to their table and put his hands on the shoulder of her escort. "Well, old fellow, you have succeeded pretty well in disappearing from the face of the earth this time, certainly. Where have you been?" he asked.

The man was clearly taken by surprise and embarrassed. His face flushed. "Mr. Burke, let me introduce"—he hesitated a moment—"Miss Neighbor," he said, leaning toward the girl.

Mr. Burke bowed and smiled. "What are you burrowing for now?" he asked, turning again to the man. "You must be hidden in a Harlem flat or sneaking in an east side basement. Your friends have searched everywhere else in New York for you without success."

"I will come up to your house tomorrow, Burke, and render faithful and dutiful account of myself, but I won't tell you now."

"Nothing like being calmly insulted, is there, Miss—er—Favor? If you don't come and tell me all about it I shall have you published as one of the mysteriously disappeared," he said good naturedly and made his way back to his own table.

The girl looked up suddenly at her companion. "That is Benedict Burke, the writer, isn't it?" she asked.

"Yes," he answered.

"And who are you?"

The man frowned a moment, then said, with a smile, "Will you promise to be just as neighborly when you find out?"

"I promise," she said, but she looked almost frightened.

"I don't manufacture soothing sirups or soaps," he said, laughing at her expression, "but I must confess my name is sometimes flaunted in street car advertisements. I am afraid it will never be as much fun after we have learned each other's identity." He reached in his pocket and pulled out a card. "Let me introduce myself."

"Mr. Robert Harrison Rockford," she read and leaned back in her chair and stared. It was a minute before she quite caught her breath, and he broke in, "You see, you don't like me nearly as much as when you thought me a poor laborer living on half rations."

"But to think you didn't let me know I was telling all my seedy little troubles to one of the big authors of the day. It wasn't quite right," she said, pressing her hands together hard in her lap.

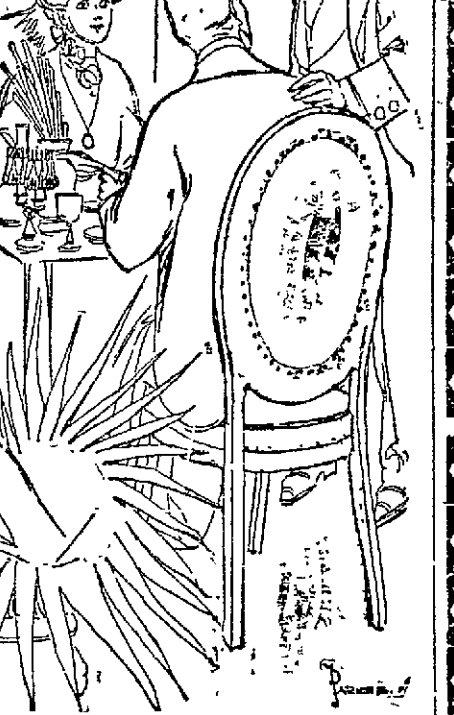
"Would you have told them if you had known?"

"I don't know," she answered.

"You see, that is what a fellow gets for having a sort of soapmaker's name. People don't give him half a chance."

"How did you happen to be living in that little back hall room?" she asked suddenly.

"I am gathering material for a novel, tracing the struggles of a poor young



"WELL, OLD FELLOW, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?"

fellow starting out in New York. I wanted to know under just what conditions his life would be lived, so I rented that cubby hole room and started out on a life of deprivation for a few weeks."

"Just for material," she sighed.

"It has been the best material I have ever gathered," he said.

The girl's eyes fell. "I wanted to gain an experience that would help me in writing my book, but instead I have learned the one essential lesson of life"—He paused. She did not look up.

"To love my neighbor—to love her even better than myself. I wonder if my neighbor has learned her lesson?" The girl raised her eyes, and he read in them the answer to his question.

The Hawkbill Turtle. Turtle soup and tortoise shell combs come from the hawkbill turtle of the gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean sea. This turtle is recognized by the low, wide head, a long, narrow mouth, the upper jaw prolonged and hooked like the beak of a hawk. The shell is flattened and serrated behind, with five vertebral and eight lateral plates overlapping one another like scales of a fish. The color is yellowish above, mottled with chestnut brown and yellowish white below. Young turtles have a black spot on the four rear pairs of plates. Old turtles have a thin yellow plate on the belly, which is much sought after and commands a higher price. This hawkbill turtle feeds on seaweeds, crabs, mollusks and fish. Being mostly carnivorous, the meat is not considered wholesome.

GIRLS GO TO SOME SCHOOL

Massillon Cases Disposed of by Judge Bow.

THE KUHN CASE IN COURT.

The Trial Has Been Postponed Until One Week from Wednesday in the Court of Common Pleas—The Charge is That of Horse Stealing.

Probate Judge Bow heard the cases of Laura Lovell and Virginia Walpool in his court Monday afternoon and made arrangements by which the girls will be placed in some home or school within a short time. The case of Laura Lovell was held under advisement for one week, during which time an attempt is to be made to have her placed in some private school or convent. If no such arrangements can be made she is to appear before Judge Bow for his decision, which will probably be that she be sent to the industrial school at Delaware. She was permitted to come to Massillon Monday evening.

Virginia Walpool is in the county jail before she is to be taken to the industrial school. Such was the information given Chief Ertle in Canton Tuesday morning, when he was called to that city on another matter. The charge against the girls is that of entering an unoccupied residence. Chief Ertle was called to the common pleas court Tuesday morning to appear in the trial of the state against William Kuhn, who is charged with horse stealing. The trial was postponed until one week from Wednesday. Kuhn is charged with being implicated in the theft of a horse and buggy from H. M. Shanklin in Massillon last summer. He was arrested at Wheeling in the fall. His companion, who gave the name of Frew, was later arrested in Pennsylvania on another charge and is now serving a penitentiary sentence of four and one-half years in that state. Mr. Shanklin recovered his property after a long search.

Andrew Batasco, a foreigner, was fined three dollars and costs by Mayor Frantz Monday evening upon the charge of being drunk and using profane language. Douglas Heath, colored, was fined five dollars and costs and William Christian, colored, was fined three dollars and costs, each being charged with disturbing the peace.

Michael Reilly was fined five dollars and costs Tuesday upon the charge of being drunk and breaking up property, it being alleged that while drunk he persisted in smashing each glass after he had partaken of the contents. Reilly said he came to Massillon with sixteen dollars on Monday, bought some clothes and spent the rest of his money, except two dollars, in the saloons.

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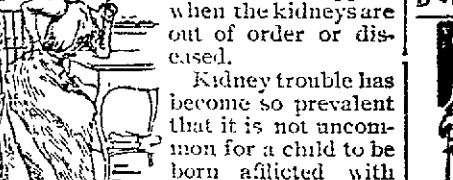
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Our Bargain Counter.

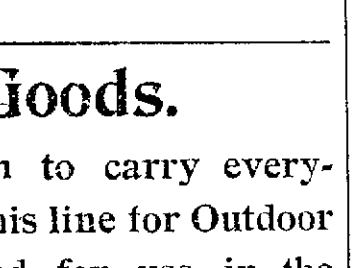
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Tool Chests, 25c to \$2.00. Turkish Tube-phones, 25c to \$1.00. Printing Presses, 75c to \$4. Printing Outfits, 10c to \$1. Black Boards, 10c to \$7. Combination Boards, \$3 to \$4.50. Crokinole Boards, \$1.25 and \$1.50. Shooting Gallery at \$1.25.



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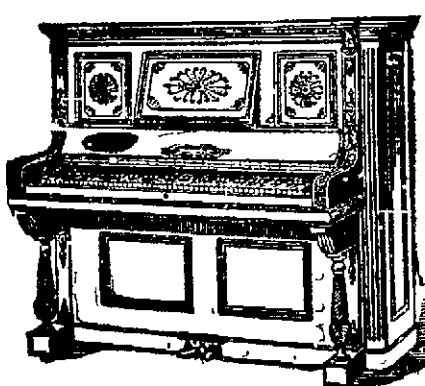
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COURT BAN ON SPELLING.

Chief Justice Fuller Objects to "Thru" in a Quotation.

The United States supreme court has gone against the simplified spelling system, and the indications after the first round are that the simplified spelling system is leaning against the ropes, groggy, says a Washington special to the New York Times. The supreme court always does those things in a fine and delicate way, without any shedding of blood or musing up of scenery, so that it sometimes takes the victim a day or two to ascertain that he is really down and out.

It happened while the case of Dalcour against the United States was under consideration. Solicitor General Hoyt was presenting the government's side, and he was reading from a brief which was fairly studded with such words as "dropt" and "fantasy" and "list." Chief Justice Fuller, with a copy of the brief in hand, followed the reading gravely. He read "thru" and "thruout" and "fantom" and "faxt" and not a single expression flitted across his face.

Presently the brief arrived at a long quotation from a decision rendered some years ago by Justice Bradley. The simplified word that Mr. Hoyt met in his reading from this was "thru." Hardly was the word out of his mouth before the chief justice stopped him. "Is this," said the chief justice, in the tone of gentle, suave inquiry which puts experienced counsel on guard, "supposed to be a quotation from Justice Bradley's official opinion?"

Mr. Hoyt looked up, startled. He hurriedly scanned the quotation to see what was wrong, and his eye lighted on the word he had just read. He flushed and fidgeted.

"Yes, sir; in all except the spelling," he blushing replied.

"Ah-h-h-h!" replied the chief justice, with a long, rolling inflection, inserting five h's in a word that is supposed to have only one.

The rest of the justices grinned, and so did everybody else in the courtroom. Mr. Hoyt discerned the danger signal and hurriedly jumped off the track.

"Hereafter," he said, "I will see to it that nothing of this kind occurs. While we follow the president's order in preparing original briefs, I do not feel that we are justified in changing the orthography of judicial opinions, and I will see that it does not happen again."

So ended the first round, and the memory of Justice Bradley was protected. The next round is awaited with interest.

NEW WIRELESS SYSTEM.

Interference Between Stations Working Simultaneously Abolished.

According to information received at London, an entirely new system of wireless telegraphy was recently submitted to the international wireless telegraph conference at Berlin, says a

special cable dispatch from London to the New York Sun. It proved an immense success. It is the invention of Vladimir Poulsen of Copenhagen.

Its chief feature is described as the substitution of a continuous flow of energy to the receiver for the old method

of intermittent sparks. It is asserted that this new device for obtaining continuous Hertzian oscillations from the electric arc solves immediately the much vexed question of interference between stations working simultaneously. Practically any number of sta-

tions within range of each other may now, it is stated, intercommunicate without fear of mutual interference.

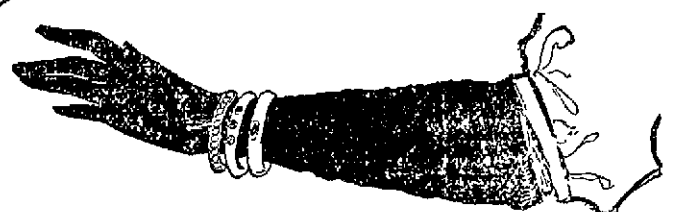
Each station equipped with the new apparatus can be put in communication with any other such station without interrupting other lines of commu-

nication. Under the new system wireless stations can receive many messages simultaneously over separate lines of communication.

As to the future possibilities of the new telegraphy the opinion was expressed that probably in the very near

future there will be duplex wireless telegraphy. Stations equipped with the new system are already working in Denmark and are giving perfect results. Other stations are in course of erection elsewhere.

A Mistake.
The chairman told me at the meeting that I was out of order.
"Well, wasn't he right?"
"No. I saw a doctor on the way home, and he told me that I was never in better shape in my life."



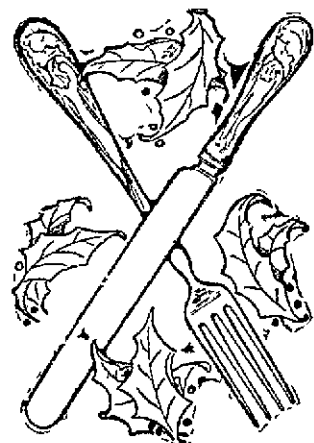
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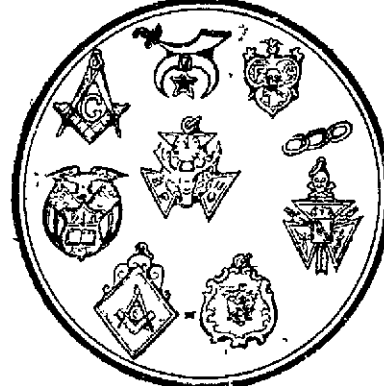
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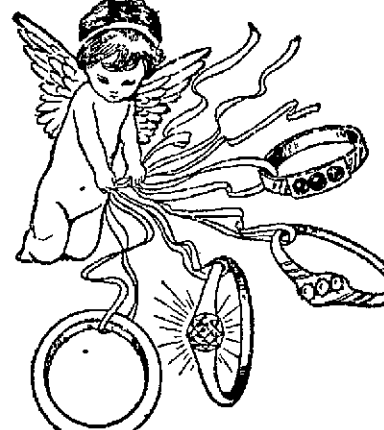
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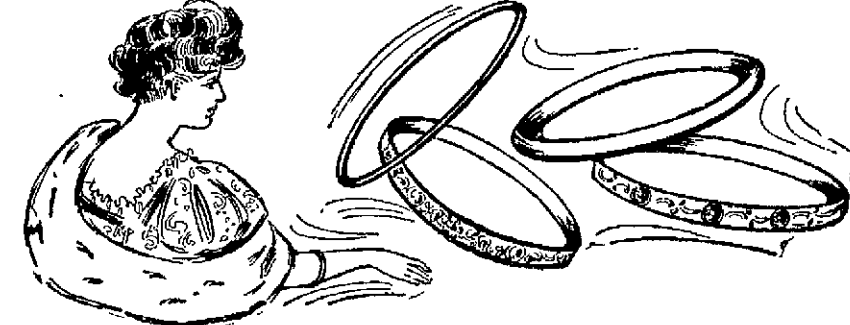


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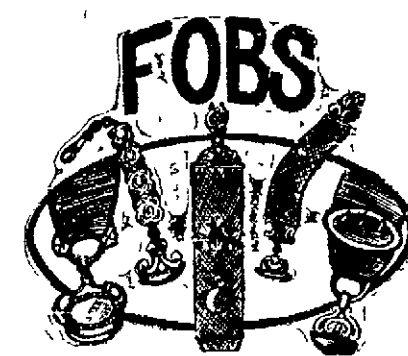
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